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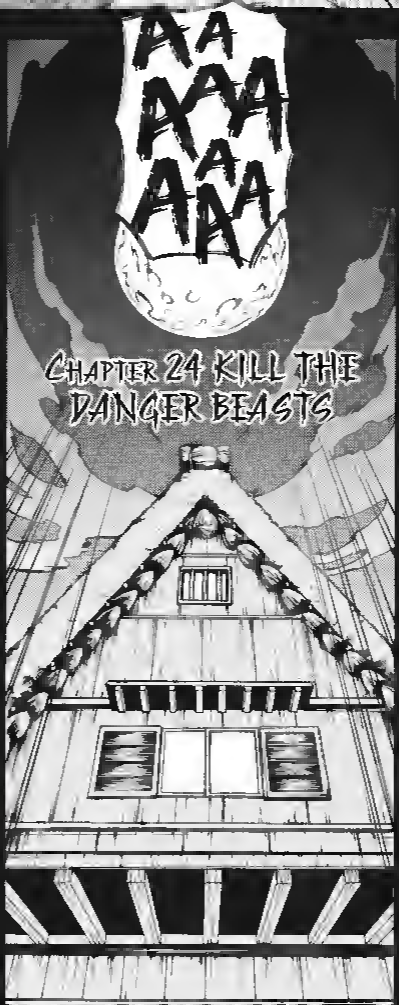
A VILLAGE...
...ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CAPITAL.
THEY SAY A NEW VARIETY OF DANGER BEAST HAS BEEN SHOWING UP HERE NEAR THE CAPITAL.
I HAVE MY PRECIOUS BABY TO THINK OF TOO.
I WON'T.
NO MATTER WHAT...
...DON'T GO OUT BY YOURSELF.
WHA...?
BAN CRAAG
LV
GACHA GOLAGYO

GUCHI (CRUNCH)
ZU (THOOM)
GUCHA (SHLORP)
AH... NO...
STOP ...
FAK! (CRACK)
POP! (CHEW)
O... OW...
SHAN (GRIP)
!!
THAT HURTS ...
NOT MY BELLY!
PLEASE ...!
DOCHA (SLURP)



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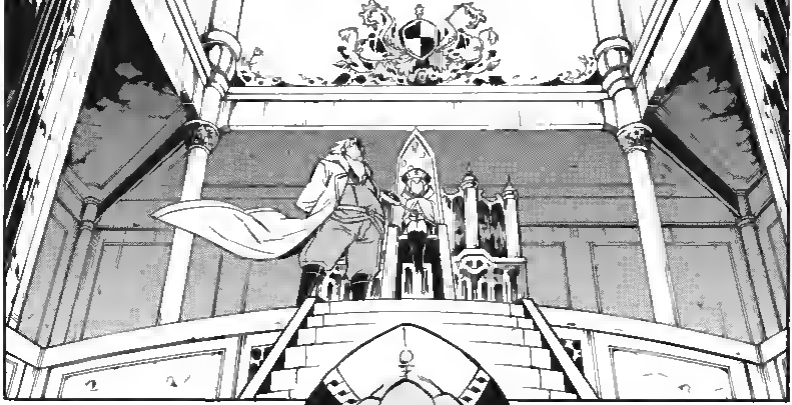
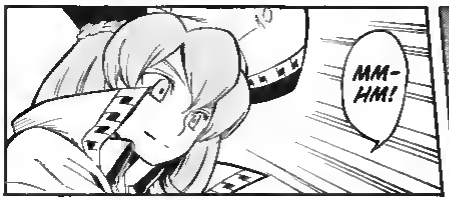


THESE ARE SUPERB RESULTS
NIGHT RAID MUST FEAR YOU, GENERAL, BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T MADE ANY MOVES IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS
THANKS TO THE JAEGERS, ALMOST ALL THE REBELS IN THE CAPITAL REGION HAVE BEEN ERADICATED


MM-HM!

YES.
AND AS SOON AS WE DISCOVER NIGHT RAID'S HIDING PLACE...
...WE WILL HUNT THEM DOWN SWIFTLY.

I AM GLAD, BUT...
...I'M SORRY THAT YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND A MAN WHO FITS YOUR CRITERIA, GENERAL.
IF YOU WON'T HAVE THE MINISTER, THEN HOW ABOUT HIS SON?
I BELIEVE HE HAS A PROMISING FUTURE

AS MY REPORT INDICATED, I'VE ALREADY FOUND MY MAN.
I'LL BE FINE.
YOUR HIGH-NESS.
I KEEP THE HOPE ALIVE THAT I WILL SOMEDAY RECAPTURE HIM...
ONE MIGHT CALL THAT A KIND OF LOVE...
BUT DIDN'T HE DIS-APPEAR?
YOU LOST YOUR LOVE.
IT SEEMS HIS HIGHNESS HAS BEEN INFLUENCED BY YOU AND IS NOW INTERESTED IN LOVE HIMSELF.
...HOW DEEP!
IT'S NOT REALLY THAT DEEP.

ONCE HE'S A LITTLE OLDER, IT'LL BE A FULL-COURSE MEAL OF DECADENCE, FROM DRINKING TO WOMEN TO GOURMET..
GUH HEH HEH.
PAKA (CHOP)
AND HE'LL STILL BE YOUR PUPPET.
DON'T GO GIVING HIM ANY DISEASES.
I'LL GIVE HIS HIGH-NESS...
DOBA (PLOP)
NOW, THEN...
I HAVE ANOTHER FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU, GEN-ERAL.
LET'S HEAR IT.
IT'S ABOUT THE NEW VARIETY OF DANGER BEAST THAT HAS BEEN APPEARING IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CAPITAL..
ZUZU (SIP)
I WANT THEM CAPTURED AND SUBDUED.
...SWEET, SWEEEET MEM-ORIES.

AT FIRST, THEY ONLY SHOWED UP DEEP IN THE FORESTS AND IN MINES...
...BUT JUST THE OTHER DAY THEY BARGED INTO A VILLAGE RESIDENCE AND ATE THE INHABI-TANTS.
...OH, THAT!
I'VE ALREADY BEEN INVESTI-GATING THE MATTER MYSELF.

DON'T YOU THINK THEY'D MAKE MOST ENTERTAINING TOYS?
I ALSO HEAR THEY LOOK MORE HUMAN-OID..
... EXACT-LY.

KA (CLICK)
I'LL CAPTURE TWO OR THREE ALIVE.
KA
YOU CAN THANK ME BY SENDING THEM TO MY SOLDIERS THAT WERE LEFT IN THE NORTH.

KOTO (CLICK)
YOU'RE AS DEDICATED TO YOUR MEN AS EVER.

SINCE THE MOMENT I HEARD THERE WERE SAVAGE DANGER BEASTS ABOUT, I'VE WANTED TO HUNT THEM.

I'VE ALREADY GIVEN THE ORDER TO GREAT GENERAL SUDO TO CRUSH THEM, BUT...
GATA (CLATTER)
...I WANT YOU TO LOOK INTO IT MORE.
VERY WELL.

THE MORE YOUR SOLDIERS RESPECT YOU, THE HARDER THEY'LL THROW THEMSELVES INTO THE FIGHT.
THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS MY MEN...
...ARE KNOWN TO BE THE STRONGEST FIGHTERS THERE ARE.
KA
KA
KA CLIKO
...TO BRING BACK SOME REALLY LIVELY ONES.
...I'M COUNTING ON YOU...

ゴトゴトゴトゴトゴト
GOTO (CLATTER)
GOTO
GOTO
GOTO
GOTO
HURRY UP...
WE NEED TO REACH THE CITY WHILE IT'S STILL LIGHT OUT!
I KNOW.
KARA KARA (RATTLE)
GATA (TRAMP)
GATA
GATA
EE!
ZORO ZORO ZORO ZORO (PLOD)
THE SOONER WE'RE OUT OF THIS DANGER ZONE...
TH-TH-TH-TH..
TH... TH..
THEY ARE HERE !!

GA
GA (LUNGE)
GO (WHUMP)
GA
GA
GA
GA (SKID)
SHUUUUUU (PSSSSHHH)
!?

JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME...!
GASHI (GRAB)
BA
DOGO (BAM)

DO
DO
DO
DO (THUD)
GO
GO
GO (WHAM)
GASHI (GRAB)
NOW...
...I'LL TAKE THEM DOWN ...
DOSA (SLIDE)
...FOR GOOD!
JIKA (SPARK)

GOU (WHOOSH)
SHUUUUUU (SSSHHH)
GYAAAAAA
SHUUU (SIZZLE)
KURU (TURN)
YOU CAN REST EASY NOW.
NO
EVERY-ONE!

UM...
I DEFEATED THE DANGER BEASTS FOR YOU...
EEEEEE!
EE!
SUKU (GULP)
SO WHAT ARE YOU STILL SO AFRAID OF?
GO
GO
GO
GO
GO
AH WAH WAH WAH!
GATA
GATA
GATA
GATA (SHIVER)
GO (RUMB...)
PHEW.
O... OH.
SO YOU'RE SOLDIERS FROM THE CAPITAL!
WE'RE SAVED!
IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW.
THE FLAMES OF JUSTICE HAVE RAZED THE WICKED.
PON (PAT)
UM... LOOK...
DON'T MIND THEM, BOLS.

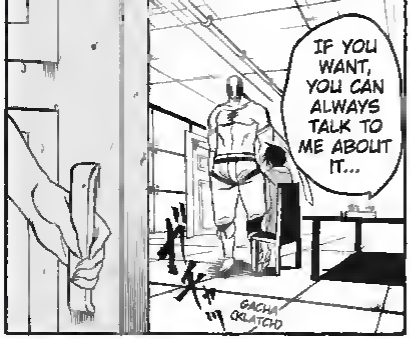
... APPEAR TO HAVE CALMED DOWN.
I'M SO HAPPY!!
THOSE MEN...
BOLS...
.....
PIKI
PIKI
KAH... KAH KAH!
PIKI (CRUSH)
PIKI
PIKI
!!
PIKI (FREEZE)

PIN!
(PLINK)
...I WAS ABLE TO CAPTURE ALL THE ONES WHO RAN AWAY.
JUST AS EX-PECT-ED...
THESE ARE DEFINITELY A TYPE I'VE NEVER COME ACROSS BEFORE.
I SEE.
KON (KNOCK)
KON
TO (THE)
TO
TO

AH!
...DON'T EAT THEM.
GOK (GULP)
.....
:)!!! (STARE)
WAVE.
KU-ROME.
I MADE US TEA.
THE CAPI-TAL
THE JAEGERS' HEAD-QUARTERS
TH-THANKS FOR ALWAYS GOING TO THE TROUBLE.
THANKS
IT'S NOTHING. I LIKE TO DO THIS. ♪

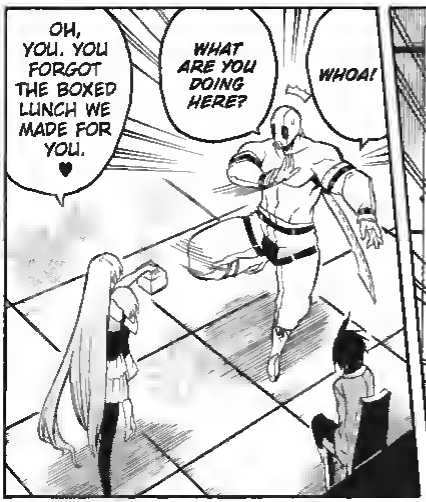
WHAT'S THE MATTER, WAVE?
I...
...DON'T LIKE IT.
.....
YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD GUY, BOLS...
BUT EVERYONE ACTS LIKE THOSE MERCHANTS BEFORE
THEY JUDGE YOU ON YOUR LOOKS...
KOTO
WAVE.
.....ARE YOU REALLY ONE TO TALK?
GH ...!
!?
GAN
KUROME'S CANDY
THAT WAS THEN !!

I'VE TOLD YOU THIS ALREADY.
I'M NOT THAT NICE A GUY...
I'VE BURNED WHOLE VILLAGES THAT WERE PLAGUED WITH DISEASE.
I'VE BURNED MEN AT THE STAKE WHO CLAIMED INNOCENCE ...
THAT'S WHY...
...I THINK COUNTLESS PEOPLE MUST HATE ME...
BUT YOU WERE ONLY TAKING ORDERS AS A SOLDIER .....
EVEN IF SOMEBODY HAD TO DO IT...
MY ACTIONS ARE WHAT THEY ARE...
...AND THAT REACTION I GET FROM THOSE I'VE SAVED...


IF YOU WANT, YOU CAN ALWAYS TALK TO ME ABOUT IT...
GACHA GACHA

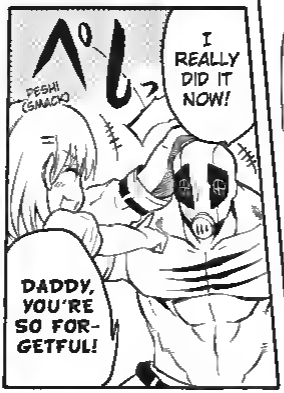
BOLS...
THAT'S TOO CRUEL.

...ARE WHAT I DE-SERVE ...


OH, YOU. YOU FORGOT THE BOXED LUNCH WE MADE FOR YOU. ♥
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WHOA!

OH, HONEY! ♡
DADDY! ♡

YOU HAVE SUCH A TOUGH JOB, YOU NEED TO KEEP UP YOUR STRENGTH!


PESHI
I REALLY DID IT NOW!
DADDY, YOU'RE SO FOR-GETFUL!

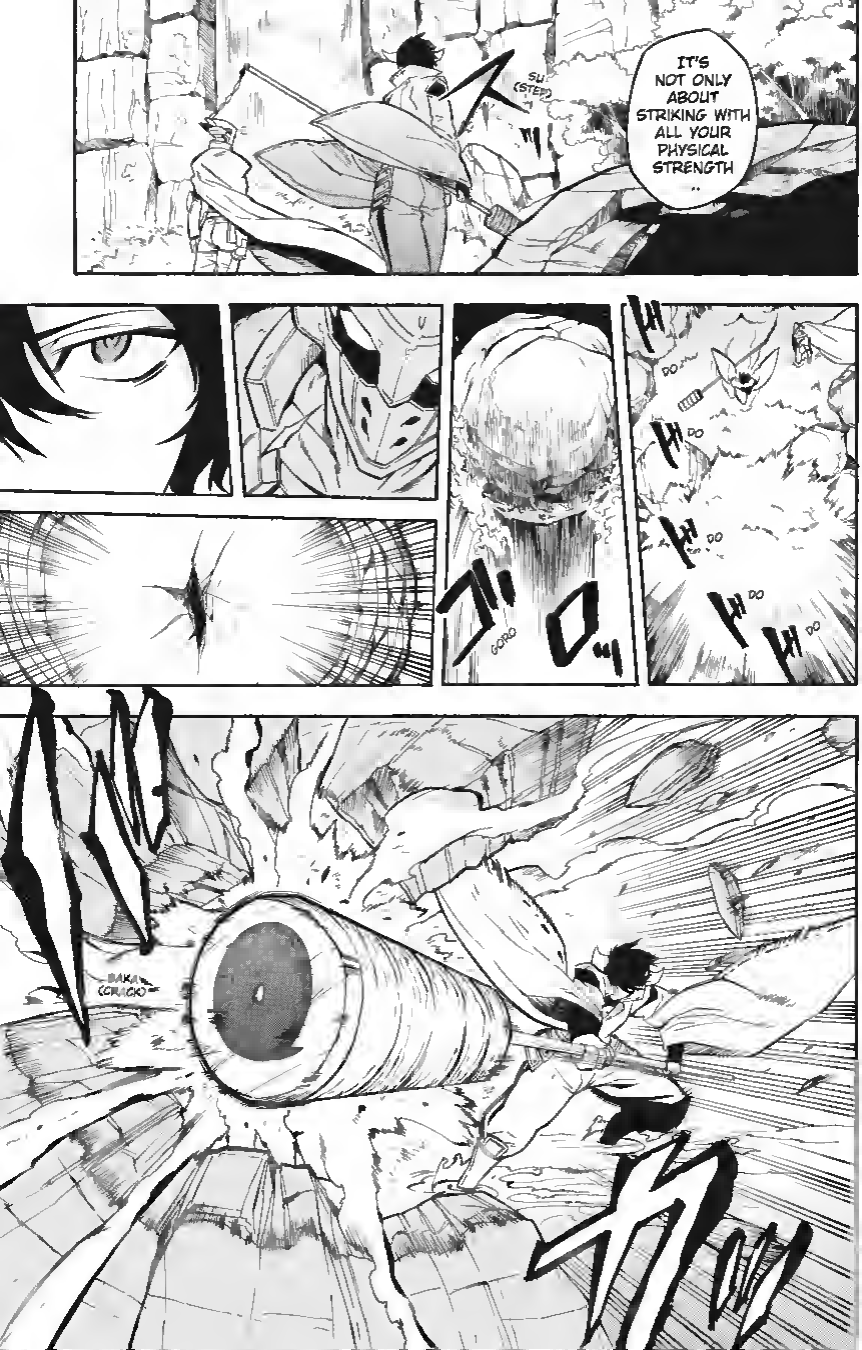
MY WIFE AND DAUGHTER KNOW ALL ABOUT WHAT I DO...
...AND YET STILL CHEER ME ON!
DADDY, GIVE ME AN UPPY!
ALL RIGHT, THAT'S MY GOOD GIRL.
YOU'RE RIGHT! I'LL BE MORE CARE-FUL.
S...SO BRIGHT...
IS THIS LOVE!!?
...AS LONG AS I HAVE MY FAMILY, I'LL BE FINE.
SO NO MATTER HOW TOUGH I HAVE IT...
KAAAAAAA CFLAAAAASH
ONCE AGAIN, I'M NO HELP AT ALL!
.....

GORO (ROLL)

DYAAA!!

ANIKO (CRUNCH)

MEAN-WHILE...
DO (OOSH)
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
MARG HIGH-LANDS, GREAT WATER-FALL


IT'S NOT ONLY ABOUT STRIKING WITH ALL YOUR PHYSICAL STRENGTH ..
SU (STEP)
GORO
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
BAKA (CRUSH)

EVEN THE STRONGEST OPPONENT...
...WILL ALWAYS HAVE A WEAK SPOT.
...BUT HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO FIND THEIR WEAK SPOT IN THE MIDDLE OF A FIGHT?
YOU'RE RIGHT ...
WOW ...
...IS MOST EFFICIENT.
STRIKING THERE WHILE IN BATTLE ...
EVEN THE SMALLEST CHANGE IN A MASTER WILL NOT BE MISSED
MY NATURE ...
...IS TO TAKE CARE OF MY MASTER AS HIS TEIGU.
I SEE.
YOU'RE AWFULLY TUNED IN, SU.
I JUST HAPPEN TO BE SENSITIVE TO THEM.

AS LONG AS WE DON'T LOSE ANYONE, I THINK WE'VE GOT A SHOT!
ZAAAAAA (SSSHHH)
HAVING YOU WITH US PUTS US AT EIGHT PEOPLE, SU.
THIS IS REALLY REASSURING.
SU, YOU'RE ALSO A GREAT TEAMMATE!
SU (SWF)
THERE'S NO NEED TO COUNT ME AMONG YOU.
...I'M A TEIGU.
DON'T TALK LIKE THAT!
TEAM... MATE...
.....

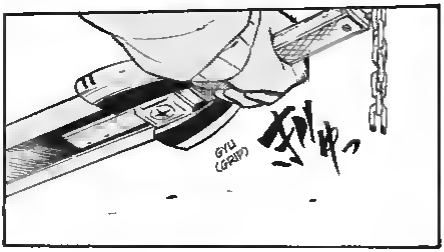
I DON'T QUITE GET IT..
..BUT I SUPPOSE YOU MEAN WE FIGHT TOGETHER?
HUH?
WELL, THAT'S PART OF IT, SURE, BUT...
HMMMM...
TEAMMATES HELP EACH OTHER OUT SO...
THAT'S IT!
SU, YOU'RE SO GOODLOOKING ...
...WHEN THINGS ARE PEACEFUL AGAIN...
...I HOPE YOU'LL HELP LUBBO AND ME PICK UP GIRLS!
.....
I'M NOT REALLY SURE, BUT...

...IF YOU WISH IT, I'LL DO MY BEST TO HELP YOU OUT.
GO CRASH!
OKAY!
SU!
TATSU-MI!
TA (TAK)
PYON (JMP)
HEEEY!

WHAT IS IT?
?
EMER-GENCY?

WE'RE HOLDING AN EMER-GENCY MEETING.
COME BACK WITH ME.

A NEW VARIETY OF DANGER BEAST HAS BEEN APPEARING AROUND THE CAPITAL AND WREAKING HAVOC...
WE MUST ERADICATE THEM FOR THE PEOPLE'S SAKE.
LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE MAKING OUR COME-BACK!


GYU (GRIP)

!?

THE CAPITAL, EH?

TWO TEAMS...
...WHO SHARE THE SAME GOAL...
THE FATEFUL ENCOUNTER...
...IS NEAR ...!

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Rough Sketches 1

THE EMBLEMS OF EACH KINGDOM

1 - The capital. Located at the heart of the kingdom. The main stage of *Akame ga KILL!*

2 - Natsura Village. Tatsumi's hometown. A mountain village found to the north.

3 - Kakachichi Lake. A natural stronghold. The headquarters for the Revolutionary Army.

4 - Where the battle against the tribe of the north took place under the command of Esdeath.

5 - Where the battle against the tribe of the west took place under the command of Najenda.

6 - Where the battle against the tribe of the south took place. Bulat was affiliated with them.

7 - The sea. Where the Imperial Navy is and where trade takes place. Wave was affiliated with them.

8 - Night Raid's hideout. Was destroyed by Stylish's ambush.

9 - Lake Gyogan.

10 - Headquarters of the new religion

THE EMBLEMS OF EACH KINGDOM

FIFTEEN KILO-METERS NORTH-EAST OF THE CAPITAL
IT DOESN'T REALLY FEEL LIKE...
...THE NEW HIDEOUT TO ME.
WHEN YOU CONSIDER HOW HARD IT IS TO FIND AND HOW EASY IT IS TO FLEE FROM, IT'S A LOT LIKE OUR FORMER HIDEOUT.
I'M SO GLAD IT ALSO HAS A HOT SPRING.
SHOULD POUR OURSELVES A DRINK THERE WHEN WE FINISH WORK.
I'M GONNA LOSE MY HEAD...
SOUNDS GREAT. ♪
KIRI
KIRI
KIRI
KIRI
NAJENDA. I'VE FINISHED PUTTING UP THE BARRIER AROUND THE HIDE-OUT.
GOOD.

I'VE FINISHED DIGGING THE SECRET EMERGENCY PASSAGE.
OH! THAT WAS FAST. I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT, SUSANOO.
NOW OUR HIDEOUT'S BASICALLY UP AND RUNNING.
GAN (SHOCK)
!!

.....
ZUI (LOOM)
DON'T THINK YOU'VE WON!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
?
.....

SO THIS ...
...IS OUR NEW HIDE-OUT.

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IN MOST CASES, THEY'VE BEEN MOVING IN HERDS.
AND THEY DO EXHIBIT SIGNS OF INTELLI-GENCE, ALBEIT SLIGHT.
THEY'RE SO PHYS-ICALLY STURDY...
...THAT EVEN THE MOST TRIED-AND-TRUE FIGHTERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN A RUN FOR THEIR MONEY.

I KNOW WE ONLY JUST GOT BACK ON OUR FEET...
...BUT OUR TARGET THIS TIME IS A NEW VARIETY OF DANGER BEAST.

IF THE EMPIRE'S GOT THEIR HANDS FULL WITH THEM, THEN IT'S PROBABLY NOT A TRAP.
THEY'VE BEEN FOUND LURKING IN MINES AND FORESTS TO THE SOUTH OF THE CAPITAL
..EATING PEOPLE AND LIVESTOCK WITH A VORACIOUS APPETITE.
IT SEEMS THE JAEGERS AND IMPERIAL GUARDS HAVE BEEN DRIVING THEM OUT ON A DAILY BASIS...
.. BUT THEIR NUMBERS MUST BE PLENTIFUL BECAUSE THERE'S STILL A LOT OF THEM LEFT.
I KNOW IT SOUNDS LIKE WE'LL BE HELPING THE EMPIRE OUT, BUT...
...WILL YOU STILL DO IT?
TON
TON (TAP)
OF COURSE!
THIS IS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION!
GU (GRUNT)
FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD, THIS IS A BAND THAT MUST BE PUT TO REST ASAP.

OH. RIGHT.
I FORGOT THAT'S HOW WE ROLL
WE ARE NIGHT RAID.
SO WE'LL MOVE AT NIGHT WHILE THE EMPIRE SLEEPS.
.....
I ONLY HOPE WE DON'T RUN INTO ANY SOLDIERS ALONG THE WAY.
SO WE'LL BE FACING SERIOUS DANGERS TAKING OUT THESE MONSTERS ...
HMM.
...I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY.
...BUT THESE BEASTS ...
...COULD BE ATTACKING SOMEONE AS WE SPEAK.
WE SHOULD JUST LEAVE IT TO THE JAEGERS TO TAKE CARE OF.
YOU GUYS REALLY HAVE A HABIT OF BEING TOO OPTIMISTIC...

WE MAY BE ASSASSINS, BUT WE'RE ON THE SIDE OF THE PEOPLE.
THE SOONER WE EXTER-MINATE THEM, THE MORE LIVES WE CAN SAVE!
...OH WELL.
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT SAY THAT. FINE, FINE.

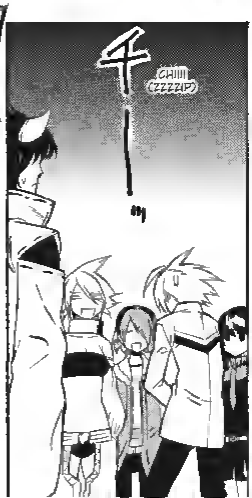
...SU?
...I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU.
...TATSUMI...

...!
KA (FLASH)

...AH!

YOUR FLY'S OPEN.
IT'S DISTRACTING, SO PLEASE ZIP IT UP.

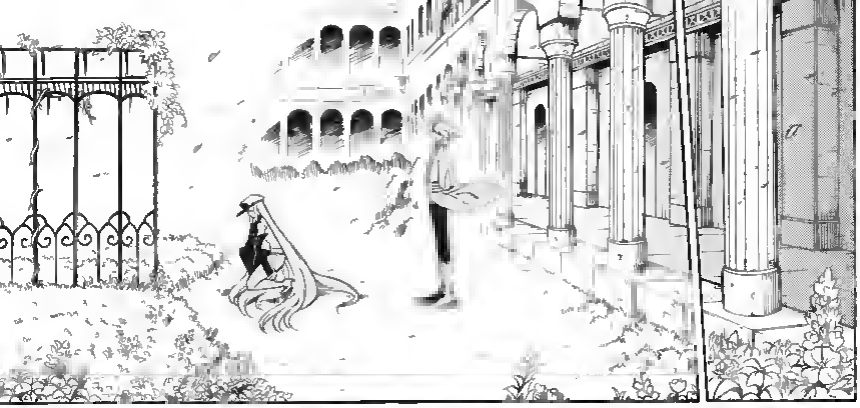
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR TALKING BIG!
HOW'S IT FEEL?
PUH (SNUB)
HEY, HEY! HOW'S IT FEEL?
AFTER YOU WERE SOUNDING SO BRAVE, HOW LAME!!


CHIII (ZZZZIP)

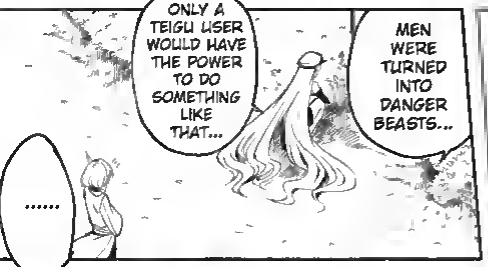
I'M SORRY, TATSUMI ...
SH... SHUT UP!!

I'D NOTICED IT, BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS A FASHION STATEMENT.
I'M NOT THAT DARING AND OUT OF THE BOX!!
GU (GAPE)
FROM NOW ON, I'LL BE MORE DILIGENT ABOUT KEEPING MY EYES PEELED FOR IT.
NOO ...!
BA (GLOGG)
STOP IIIIIT!!
YOUR FLY'S OPEN FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE, RIGHT?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
AH! I'LL KILL YOU, LUBBO!!
WITH MY FLY OPEN!
I WANT TO SAVE THE PEOPLE!

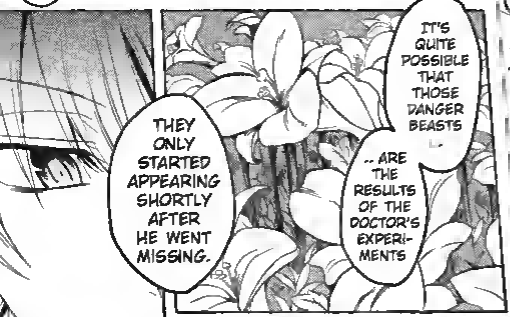
I SAW THE RECORDS.
SHEELE AND BULAT WERE LIKE THAT...
...I'M WORRIED.
THAT'S FINE, BUT...
THIS IS HOW MY MEN ARE.
DON'T LET IT GET TO YOU, CHELSEA.
I'M AFRAID THAT SOMEDAY...
...THAT SAME OPTIMISM WILL COST TATSUMI HIS LIFE...
.....



...RUN.
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU.


ONLY A TEIGU USER WOULD HAVE THE POWER TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
MEN WERE TURNED INTO DANGER BEASTS...
.....

ACCORDING TO WHAT THE MINISTER FOUND...THOSE DANGER BEASTS WERE ORIGINALLY HUMAN.
I KNEW IT...
I THOUGHT THEIR PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS WERE AWFULLY CLOSE.


IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THOSE DANGER BEASTS -- ARE THE RESULTS OF THE DOCTOR'S EXPERIMENTS
THEY ONLY STARTED APPEARING SHORTLY AFTER HE WENT MISSING.

DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER REASONS BEHIND YOUR THEORY?
WHEN I CHECKED OUT HIS LABORATORY...
...I THOUGHT IT WAS TOO SPOTLESS.
EVEN THOUGH HE WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN RESEARCHING A NUMBER OF THINGS...
...THE INSIDE OF HIS LAB WAS QUITE IMMACULATE AND UNDISTURBED
ARE YOU SUGGESTING HE HAD ANOTHER SECRET LAB ELSEWHERE...?
YES.
PERHAPS THE THINGS HE'D BEEN KEEPING THERE GOT OUT.

IT'S ALSO POSSIBLE...
...THAT THERE'S A COMPLETELY NEW THIRD-PARTY TEIGU INVOLVED ...
.....
BUT THAT'S JUST TOO CRAZY TO EVEN CONSIDER.
JUST AS I THOUGHT.
RUN IS VERY HANDY OFF THE BATTLEFIELD AS WELL.

...THE DOCTOR DIDN'T ENCOUNTER THE ENEMY TO FIND TATSUMI.
THAT SUGGESTS EVEN MORE STRONGLY...
RATHER, AFTER FINDING THE ENEMY'S HIDEOUT...
...HE ENGAGED IN THE ATTACK WITH THE HOPES OF GAINING MATERIALS FOR HIS EXPERIMENTS, ONLY TO BE WIPED OUT.
PERHAPS HE WAS...
...EVEN CRAZIER THAN I GAVE HIM CREDIT FOR...
BUT THERE MUST BE A LIMIT TO THESE DANGER BEASTS.
EVEN NOW, SERYU AND THE OTHERS ARE WORKING TO EXTERMINATE THEM.
THE PROBLEM DOESN'T END THERE.
THE REAL QUESTION IS, DID THEY REALLY GET OUT ON THEIR OWN...?
OR DID SOMEBODY LET THEM OUT WITH A KEY?
!

I LEAVE IT IN YOUR HANDS.
THIS PROBLEM MAY GO DEEPER THAN WE THINK.
I SEE.
I WILL ...
...KEEP LOOKING INTO THIS MATTER.
GYAAAA
NOOOO!
THIS FLOWER POSSESSES COMPONENTS WHICH, WHEN APPLIED TO A WOUND, INDUCE A TERRIBLE PAIN.
WE CAN USE IT AS A MORE MILD TORTURE DEVICE.
STILL COMMANDER, IT'S RARE TO SEE YOU TENDING TO THE FLOWERS...
HM..... AH, YES.

THAT'S GOOD TO KNOW.
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA
GISHI
YOU INCAR-NATIONS OF EVIL...
...WHO THREATEN THE PEOPLE HERE!
CORO!
BAKU (CHOMP)
NUM-BER ONE!

JARARARARA (WHIRRRR)
ZU (SWOOP)
SING-ING FLAIL !!
JUS-TICE !!
GA (WHAM)
GA
GA
GA
GA

CORO!
EAT THE WEAK-ENED EVIL!
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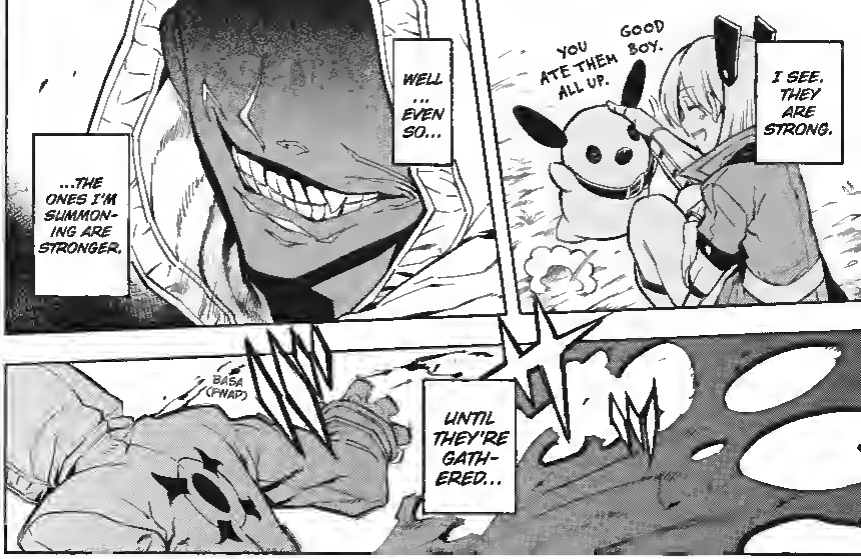
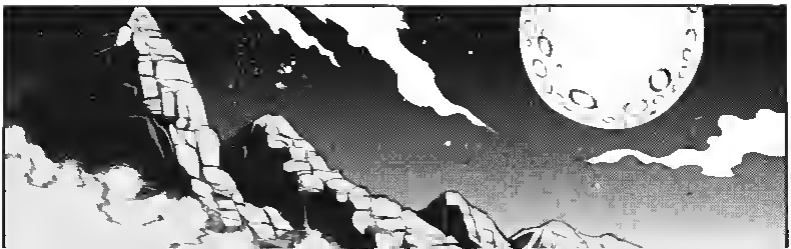
ZAZAZAZAZA (SKIIIID)
DUO (WHOOSH)
SAKU (CHOMP)
SO THAT'S THE RU-MORED JAE-GERS.


...THE ONES I'M SUMMONING ARE STRONGER.
WELL... EVEN SO...
I SEE. THEY ARE STRONG.
GOOD BOY.
YOU ATE THEM ALL UP.
BASA (PHAP)
UNTIL THEY'RE GATHERED...

...I THINK I'LL SPEND A LITTLE MORE TIME...
...ENTERTAINING MYSELF WITH MY LITTLE TOYS. ♪

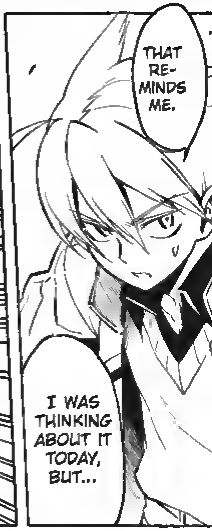


I CAN'T BELIEVE I GOT PAIRED UP WITH A DUDE.
NO NEED TO MOPE ABOUT IT.
ZA (ZSH)
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA
HMPH.
THE REPORT SAID THEY RETREAT BACK TO THE CAPITAL ONCE NIGHT FALLS.
I HOPE THERE AREN'T ANY SOLDIERS CAMPING OUT AROUND HERE.
キョロ
KYORO
キョロ
KYORO
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.

NAJENDA SAID SO HERSELF.
SO DON'T YOU FORGET IT.
.....

YOU KNOW ...
TO (TMP)
..A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF COWARDICE IS NECESSARY IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE AS AN ASSASSIN.
TO
TO

...YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO REFERS TO THE BOSS BY HER REAL NAME.
!


THAT REMINDS ME.
I WAS THINKING ABOUT IT TODAY, BUT...

...HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE BACK IN THE IMPERIAL ARMY.
SHE AND I...

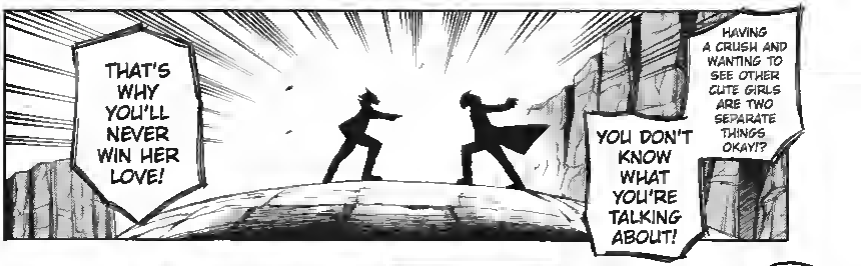
W...
WELL, YEAH.

...I...
...WAS THE FOURTH SON OF A LOCAL MERCHANT.
POOON (BOUNCE) POOON
ポーン ポーン
I WAS GOOD AT WHAT-EVER I TRIED MY HAND AT.
ALL MY LIFE, I'D GOTTEN WHAT-EVER I WANTED.
I WAS BORED WITH THE WORLD.
THAT WAS WHEN...
...NAJENDA WAS POSTED IN MY REGION...
SU (SIT?
THAT REALLY MAKES ME HATE YOU.
WELL, IT'S ABOUT TO GET HEART WRENCH-ING, SO LISTEN UP!

IT WAS LOVE ...
...AT FIRST SIGHT.

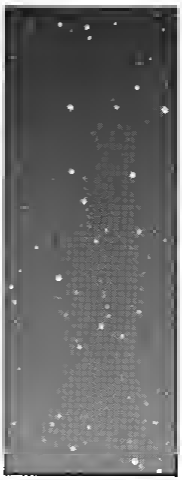
...AND USED MY NATURAL PROWESS TO GET [illegible]OTE TO HER RIGHT HAND SOLDIER
SO I SIGNED [illegible] TO BE A SOLDIER...
I AMAZE MYSELF...
WHEN SHE LEFT THE EMPIRE, I FALSIFIED MY RECORDS TO SHOW THAT I HAD DIED AND FOLLOWED HER.
HEH.
WAS OUT OF LOVE FOR HER... YOU COULD SAY...?
THEN THE REASON YOU JOINED NIGHT RAID...
LUBBO ..
PON (PAT)
IT'S SAD, REALLY...
SO DID MY STORY BRING TEARS TO YOUR EYES?
BUT MY EFFORTS WILL NEVER BE REWARD-ED.

...YOU SHOULD QUIT PEEKING IN ON OTHER GIRLS WHILE THEY'RE BATHING, THEN!!
GA (GRAB)
HUH !?


HAVING A CRUSH AND WANTING TO SEE OTHER CUTE GIRLS ARE TWO SEPARATE THINGS OKAY!?
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
THAT'S WHY YOU'LL NEVER WIN HER LOVE!

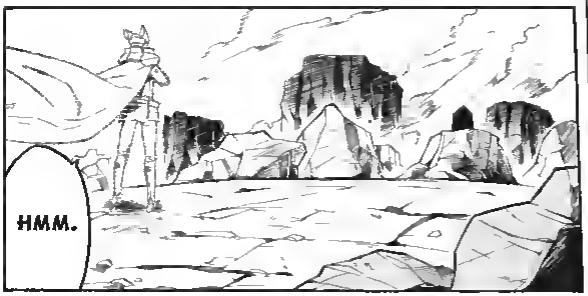
STILL, I DON'T SEE ANY DANGER BEASTS AROUND HERE.

MAYBE THEY'VE BEEN HUNTED TO EXTINCTION IN THE MOUN-TAINS.



TCH. JUST YOU WAIT. I'LL WOO HER ONE OF THESE DAYS.
BISHI (JAB)
WHEN YOU DO, I'LL TREAT YOU OUT TO WHAT-EVER YOU WANT.

I'VE SET UP THREADS, BUT...
...I HAVEN'T CAUGHT ANY PREY.
THAT DOES IT.
IF IT'S SAFE HERE, THEN I'LL USE MY TEIGU TO SCOPE OUT THE SUMMIT REALLY QUICK.
JA (CLIK)
GOT IT.
JA (CLIK)
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, YOU COME RIGHT BACK HERE.
THOUGH YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME TWICE TO FLEE.
WE'LL TAKE IT ON TOGETHER.
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
DOU (GOON)


HMM.

NOTHING HERE EITHER.
NOT A SIGN OF LIFE IN THE WHOLE PLACE.

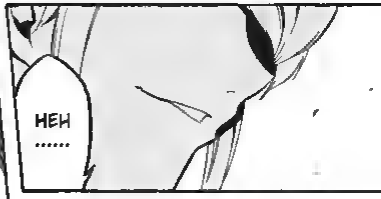
MAYBE...
PSHH (SHHH)
...THEY'RE ALL... ASLEEP

I WONDER HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING.
I HOPE THEY'RE OKAY...
BASA (FLAP)
BASA
JARA (RATTLE)

IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT...
...I'M ACTING WEIRD, TATSUMI ...
HM?
...EVEN I HAVE TO ADMIT IT'S NOT VERY LIKE ME TO DO.
I KNOW I'M SUPPOSED TO BE PATROLLING...
...BUT THE MOONLIGHT'S SO LOVELY I THOUGHT I'D TAKE A SCENIC ROUTE...

HE CAUGHT ME IN A BAD MOOD.
BA (LUNGE)

...A SILHOU-ETTE...
IS IT A DANGER BEAST?


HEH .....

IN THAT CASE...
JA (CHAK)
...HE'S NOT VERY LUCKY.

WHA...?
WHAT THE...!?
ZUDOO
CHOOMO
SHUUUUUU
OHMMSSSHHHD
YOU WILL FACE ME...
...AND I'LL TEST OUT SOME NEW TORTURE ON...

TA...
HUH ...?
...TSU-MI...

WH... WHAT'S ESDEATH DOING HERE?
IS THIS JUST A COINCI-DENCE?
...AND I DIDN'T KNOW SHE COULD NOSE-DIVE FROM OUT OF THE SKY LIKE THAT.
DOCHU (SHLLOO)
WHAT DO I DO? WHAT DO I DO? WHAT DO I DO? WHAT DO I DO!?
!
NOW YOU SHOW UP!!?
ZU (CREEP)
MAYBE I CAN GET AWAY IN ALL THE CONFUSION OF THE FIGHT...
WAIT...! THESE GUYS LOOK PRETTY STRONG!
!!

...TO RUN AWAY...
RISHA (SFX)
.....I DIDN'T HAVE EVEN A SECOND ...

STAY OUT OF THIS...
GURI (DIG)
GYAAA
GAAAAAAAAA
GURI
KE!:
ZU (CREEP)
ZU
ZUDO (STAB)
KURU (TURN)
AAAAAAAAA

NOW I KNOW I'M NOT DREAMING ...
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO...
...THE DAY WE COULD BE REUNITED.
TATSU-MI...
GYAAAAA
I ONLY WISH IT WERE A DREAM.
ANYWAY, WOULD YOU JUST FINISH THAT POOR CREATURE OFF...

Akame ga KILL!
Rough Sketches 2

IMPERIAL SOLDIER GARB

NORMAL SOLDIER
Performs standard soldier business.
Wears helmet and face shield
Only carries a long sword
No highlights used when drawing him, only straight ink
SOLDIER FROM THE NORTH
Not that different from the standard garb except for the thick cloak.
Armament differs from character to character
Most wield spears

(9) About the face cover and helmet:

Characters who have something important to say in the story will have their face cover and helmet removed so that we can see their facial expressions.

AN INTRUDER COMING FROM THE BASE OF THE MOUN-TAIN...
KYURU
KYURU (TWANG)
KYURU
!
GOOOOO (RUMBLE)
...TO THE TOP ...!?
...BUT HE'S MOVING SO FAST...!
IT'S
... ONLY ONE.. PER-SON ..
IT'S NOT NOR-MAL.
DOU (WHOOSH)

ALL MY TOYS ARE GONE FROM THE MOUNTAIN.
I GUESS STYLISH'S MEMENTOS HAVE BEEN NEARLY ALL WIPED OUT...
GOOOOOOOO (RUMBLE)
I'LL GO CHECK THE VERY TOP JUST TO MAKE SURE.
DOU (LEAP)
HE WAS ABLE TO CLIMB HALF-WAY UP THE MOUNTAIN IN JUST A FEW MINUTES...
BASHU (WHIP)
I DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS, BUT I HOPE I DON'T HAVE TO FACE HIM.
I'LL HIDE HERE ...
SHURU (SHWIP)
... AND WAIT FOR HIM TO PASS.
TA (TAK)
GASA (RUSTLE)
TATSUMI HASN'T COME BACK DOWN FROM THE PEAK YET EITHER.
SOME-THING'S DEFINITE-LY NOT RIGHT.

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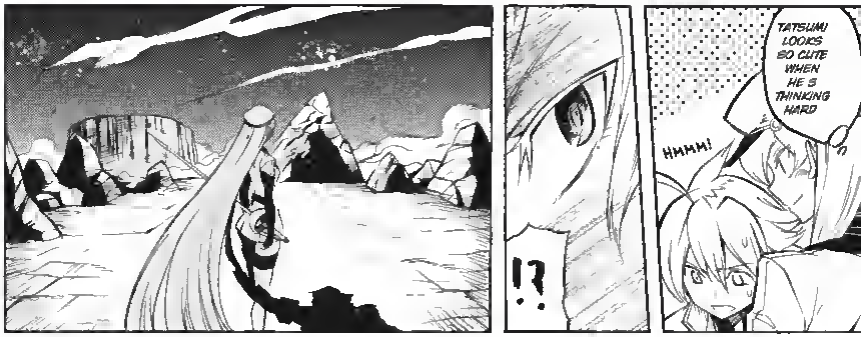
.. WAS INSTANTLY CAPTURED BY ESDEATH
NAUGHTY BOY, RUNNING AWAY FROM ME... I WAS SO LONELY...
GYAUUU (HUUUUG)
THAT'S TATSUMI'S SMELL WITH-OUT A DOUBT.
YOU'RE THE REAL THING
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
... WHA ...?
TA-TSU-MI...
MMM.
I SHOULD BE ASKING YOU WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE, TATSUMI
...
!
WE'VE BEEN EXTERMINATING THE DANGER BEASTS THREATENING THE CAPITAL REGION LATELY
I DO PATROL-LING AT NIGHT.

UM...
FIRST, CAN I GET OUT OF THIS POSITION?
NO.
BUT I'M NERVOUS BEING HELD THIS CLOSE...
I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY
JIIII (STARTLED)
I GOTTA THINK UP SOME-THING TO SAY TO HER...!
...SHE'S ONTO ME.
I'M TESTING MY ABILITY!!
BA (CHOP)
'COS I HEARD THERE WERE DANGER BEASTS AROUND HERE.
HM... SO YOU'RE ALSO DOING YOUR PART.
...I —!
SO.
HAVE YOU JOINED THE REBEL ARMY?
.....!

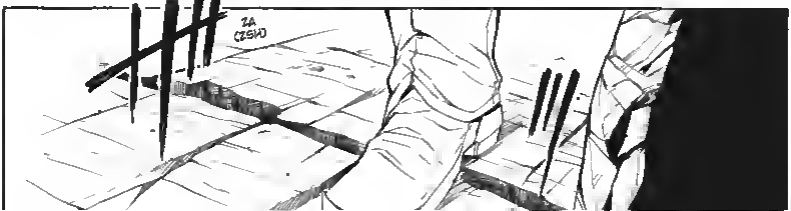
NOT YET.
BUT I HAVEN'T CHANGED MY MIND ABOUT IT!
...THAT'S WHY I'M TRAINING TO BE A WARRIOR RIGHT NOW...
HM.
I SEE...
YOUR BODY CERTAINLY HAS LEVELED UP A SIZE SINCE I LAST SAW YOU...
PON (PAT)
PON

YOU'VE WORKED SO HARD IN SUCH A SHORT TIME!
AND YOU STILL HAVE MUCH GROWING TO DO.
NADE (STROKE)
NADE
AW... SHUCKS ...
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE TAKING IT EASY!!!
WE'VE STAMPED OUT MOST ALL THE DANGER BEASTS...
THEY WERE A HANDFUL, BUT...

SURI (NUZZLE)
...THANKS TO THEM, I GOT TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
SURI
MAYBE YOU CAN CALL THAT "FATE."
SU (SMS) RS
UH-OH.
IT'S OUT OF THE FRYING PAN INTO THE FIRE .....!
SHE'S GOING TO TAKE ME AWAY AGAIN...
SHOULD I FIGHT HER...?
NO... I CAN'T POSSIBLY BEAT HER YET!!


TATSUMI LOOKS SO CUTE WHEN HE'S THINKING HARD
HMMM!
!?

...THIS PLACE HAS A SURPRISING AMOUNT OF NUISANCES.
I KNOW YOU'RE HIDING THERE.
COME OUT.
OTHERWISE I'LL ATTACK FIRST AND ASK QUESTIONS LATER.


ZA (SFX)

STILL, I NEVER THOUGHT I'D RUN INTO YOU HERE...
I THOUGHT I'D DONE A GOOD JOB CONCEALING MYSELF, BUT...
GO (RUMBLE)
GO
...WELL DONE.
GO
GO
GO
THERE'S LITTLE WONDER WHY THEY CALL YOU THE EMPIRE'S STRONGEST.
THIS BRINGS A CLOSE TO MY TOY PLAY.
YOU SEEM TO KNOW QUITE A BIT.
ALLOW ME TO SHOW YOU TO MY TORTURE ROOM.
HEH ...
WHILE WE'RE BOTH HERE...
GOGO (RUMMAGED)
...I THINK I'LL HAVE YOU TAKE CARE OF A RATHER BIG TOY FOR ME!
ZU (SHU)

SHAMBALA
ACTIVATE!
TEIGU!
(WHIP)
WHA ...?
WHAT THE!?
(SHOOOO)

SHHHHHHH (SSSSHHH)
NOW, THEN.
IT'S STILL A LITTLE EARLY...
ZU (ZSHO)
(CHIII (ZZZZZP)
...TO PAY THE OLD MAN A VISIT ON MY WAY BACK.
HAGA (FLAP)
I WON-DER WHAT ...
...I'LL PLAY NEXT.

SKREE!
CHIRRUP!
カニカニカニカニカニ
SFX: KANI (SHUFFLE) KANI KANI KANI KANI
ZAZAAAAN (FSSSHHH)
.....!?

WHA...
WHAT IS GOING ON!!?

...TATSU-MI...
...HURT ME.
NOTHING THAT WILL LEAVE A MARK, JUST SOMETHING THAT WILL HURT FOR A SECOND.
M...
MISS ESDEATH...
...TATSUMI...
I DON'T MEAN LIKE THAT!!
...WE REALLY ARE A COMPATI-BLE PAIR.
...VERY WELL.
HERE IT COMES!
...SO IF I FEEL SOME PAIN, IT MIGHT WAKE ME UP!
MAYBE THAT GUY FROM BEFORE IS CAUSING US TO HALLU-CINATE...

CHU (SMOOCH)
THE SMELL OF SALT, THE SEA BREEZE ...
...THE TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY ...
IT'S ALL THE REAL THING.
THIS IS NO HALLUCINATION.
!?
!?
THEN YOU MEAN ...
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT MAN'S ABILITY...
...TRANSPORTED US ELSEWHERE .....?
EVERYTHING FEELS TOO REAL.
TRANSPORTED...
IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE !?

I'VE HEARD THAT SOME OF THEM ARE CAPABLE OF LOST ARTS...
...THAT CAN MANIPULATE SPACE ITSELF...
THE EMPIRE HAS FORTY-EIGHT SUPER-WEAPONS ...
...CALLED TEIGU.
HUH...!? NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THAT'S PRETTY COOL... AND A LITTLE FREAKY...
OH, LIKE HOW THE ARMOR SUDDENLY APPEARS WHEN I SUMMON INCURSIO?
WOW .....
WHAAAA!?
CALM DOWN, TATSUMI.
SO THIS PLACE... MUST BE...
UH...
I'VE GOT THIS UNDER CON-TROL.
WE MUST BE BY THE SHORE OF THE KINGDOM OR SOME-THING.
TA (TMP)
TA TA TA
BA (SCAN)
LET'S HAVE A LOOK AROUND.
THIS IS A POWER THAT WILL BE WITHIN THE TOP FIVE OF ALL TEIGUS...
JUST WHO WAS THAT MAN?

WOOOOOOOOOOOOH!
ZUDOO (THWOOM)
IT'S ...
IT'S ALL OCEAN AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE...
WE MUST BE ON AN ISLAND...!
WHOOOOOO (WHOOOSH)
WHAT A LOVELY VIEW.
DON (POOM)
IT FEELS LIKE WE'RE ON A DATE.
..... YOU'RE AWFULLY CALM ABOUT THIS.

I SEE.
YOU HAVE TO KEEP A FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE.
THERE ARE TEIGU LIKE MINE THAT MANIPULATE ICE...
...AND OTHERS THAT MAKE WHATEVER CREATURE IT CUTS TURN INTO A PUPPET.
SFX: GOGOGOGOGO (RRRRUMBLE)
I GOTTA ADMIT, THIS IS PRETTY WILD.
.....
...BACK TO THE SUBJECT AT HAND.
SORODO (SNEAK)
GOGON
WAI...
IT TOTALLY FEELS LIKE WE'RE ON A DATE!
H-HOLD IT!
GABA (GRAB)
ZAAAA (FSSSHHH)

A GIANT DANGER BEAST...!!
I DIDN'T KNOW THEY GOT THAT BIG.
...NOT GOOD.
CAN WE BEAT HIM?
JUST THE TWO OF US...
BUT LAST TIME IT TOOK ALL OF NIGHT RAID TO BRING HIM DOWN...
NO DOUBT THERE'S SOME CONNEC-TION.
HE LOOKS JUST LIKE DR. STYLISH DID AFTER HIS TRANSFOR-MATION...

DO (LE?)
WAH!
HE'S COMING RIGHT FOR US!
I WILL NOT TOLER-ATE...
SU (SHH?)
...ANY INTER-RUP-TIONS.
ZA CZNISKO

YOU'LL LOOK A TREAT SKEWERED WITH MY ICICLES.
WEISS SCHNABEL!
DO
DO
DO

GOING BY WHAT I CAN SEE, SHE DOESN'T MANIFEST HER POWER FROM A WEAPON OR ARMOR.
I'LL HAVE TO KEEP A CLOSER EYE ON HER.
...COME TO THINK OF IT...
...WHAT IS HER TEIGU ANYWAY?
DOOOOOO (THOOOOM)
MUKU (RISE)
HRM.
OH-HO...
HE'S TOUGHER THAN I THOUGHT.
THIS JUST GOT INTEREST-ING.
...UH.
THAT THING ON HIS FORE-HEAD...
DOESN'T IT LOOK LIKE HIS WEAKNESS TO YOU?
HM.
I WAS THINK-ING THE SAME THING.

I KNEW WE WENT WELL TOGETH-ER!!
BA GBAM
PAKI CRIGO
PAKI
PAKI
PAKI
PAKI
GO CHHOOSHO
ZUDO CTHOOMO
GRAU HORN!
OOH...
HE'S AN AWFULLY STUBBORN ONE.

URAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
DA (DASH)
TAN (LEAP)
TA-TSU-MI!?
DO (STAB)
GYAAAAAA

IMPRES-
SIVE.
I THOUGHT I'D SHOW OFF TO MAKE HIM FALL FOR ME, BUT..
...HE ONLY MANAGED TO MAKE ME FALL FOR HIM EVEN HARDER...
AND AFTER I SUMMONED MY DEADLY ATTACK..
GO-
ONWOOSHU
FAKI (SNAP)
!!
THERE'S ANOTHER ONE!!

LEAVE IT TO ME.
I'LL GIVE HIM A FITTING DEATH.
GO
PACHIN (SNAP)
GYUUOOO (SHOOOM)

HAGEL
SPRUNG!!
GO (WHUMP)
THAT'S ...
THAT'S A LARGER-THAN-LIFE WAY TO FIGHT...

SO THIS...
...IS THE TRUE POWER OF THE EMPIRE'S STRONGEST...?
SHE FUNCTIONS ON A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT SCALE...
TATSUKI
HOW ARE YOU EVER GOING TO CUT HER DOWN?
AKAME.....

ZAZAAAAAH (SSSHHH)
BUT WE'RE STILL STUCK HERE.
WHEN WE'RE DONE WITH BREAK, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
KAKI (SKRITCH)
KAKI
WHICH MEANS THIS PLACE IS WHERE THE NEW DANGER BEASTS WERE HIDING.
WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE THOSE TWO WERE THE LAST OF THEM.
FIRST WE'LL SEARCH THE SURROUNDING AREA.
GOOD POINT ...
KARI (SKRITCH)
KARI
KARI
KARI
THERE'S STILL TOO MUCH WE DON'T KNOW.
WE NEED TO GET AHOLD OF THE SITUATION AS BEST WE CAN.
IF WE PANIC, WE'LL ONLY BE CUTTING OUR OWN THROATS.
WE MUST ACT CALMLY.
ROGER THAT!
LET'S GO!

PORI (SCRATCH)
PORI
...I ANSWERED WITHOUT EVEN THINKING.
I HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT THIS PERSON IS MY ENEMY...
Tuesday
HM...
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HIM...

(PHOOOOP)
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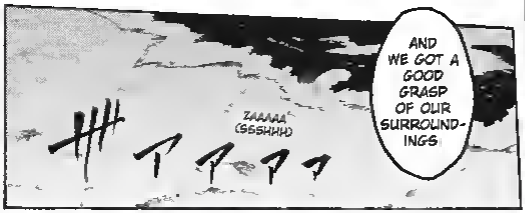
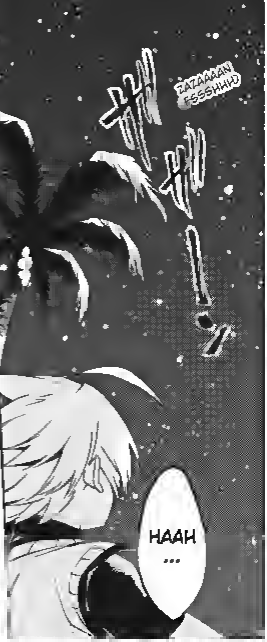
THE SUN SET WHILE WE WERE STILL INVESTIGATING...
BUT WE HAD FUN!


ZAAAAA (SSSHHH)
AND WE GOT A GOOD GRASP OF OUR SURROUNDINGS


ZAAAAAN (SSSHHH)
HAAH...

RIGHT NOW...
...WE'RE ON A DESERTED ISLAND TO THE FAR SOUTHEAST OF THE EMPIRE.

WE'RE FAR AWAY ENOUGH THAT WE'RE IN A DIFFERENT TIME ZONE...
I CAME ACROSS A NUMBER OF FLORA AND FAUNA ON TODAY'S SEARCH THAT I'D READ ABOUT.
AND THEY ALL GROW WILD IN THE FAR SOUTH.
UH...
F-F-FAR SOUTH-EAST!?
THAT'S RIGHT.
LOOKING AT THEM I CAN MORE OR LESS TELL WHERE WE ARE.
THE REAL LINCHPIN WAS THE POSITION OF THE STARS
IN OTHER WORDS ...
...YOU AND I ARE THE ONLY TWO PEOPLE ON THIS WHOLE ISLAND.
SO WE GOT TRANS-PORTED THAT FAR.
!

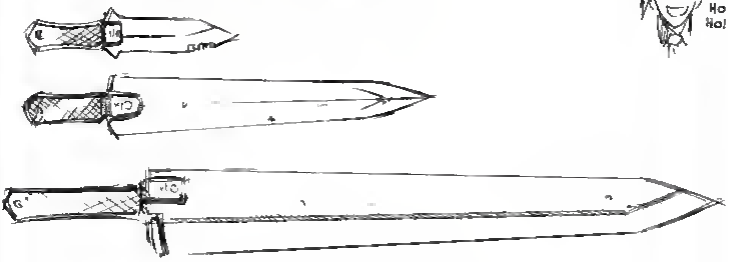
THOSE AREN'T REALLY CHOICES!
YOU CHOOSE.
SO WHAT'LL IT BE, TATSUMI?
IT'S YOUR FATE.
➡ ① I wouldn't mind living here with just you for a little while.
② We've got to do whatever it takes to get back to the capital where we can live together.
③ Take me in your arms.
OHH!
DON'T WORRY.
THAT'S BECAUSE I HAVE AN IDEA OF HOW WE CAN GET BACK.
...YOU'RE THE ONE TAKING IT WAY TOO EASY.
YOU'RE SO COLD.
YOU GOT IT!
TA CTH
YOU...
OKAY?
BUT... I NEED YOUR HELP WITH THIS, TATSUMI.

I'M PUTTING MY BETS ON THAT!
I'VE GOT A REALLY BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS, BUT...
...I MIGHT GET THE CHANCE TO RUN AWAY IN THE CHAOS OF OUR ESCAPE.

Akame ga KILL!
Rough Sketches 3

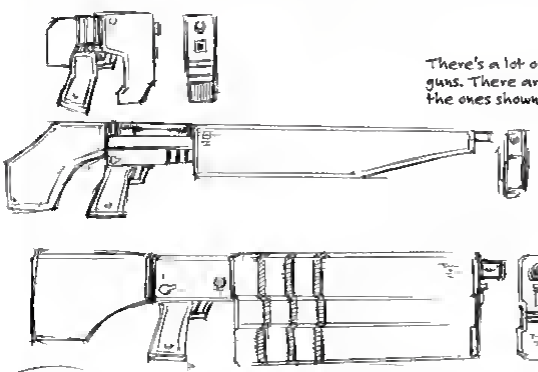
A LOOK AT THE IMPERIAL SOLDIERS' WEAPONS

The weapons used by the Imperial Army's soldiers basically appropriate the same technology used for the teigu. Teigus are based on lost technologies and made up of materials from Danger Beasts that have become extinct, so the soldiers' weapons don't come close in terms of power. Still, the weapons wielded by units like the Jaegers are far more superior and possess strong powers.



TYPES OF BLADES — From top to bottom: dagger, long sword, great sword

These swords possess the ability to mind themselves so no matter how many times they strike, they stay just as sharp. The guards in Chapter 1 were using an outdated style of sword (that made use of Incursio's powers?).



There's a lot of variation to the guns. There are many more than the ones shown here.

TYPES OF GUNS — From top to bottom: handgun, assault rifle, wide-range blaster rifle

Only the wide-range blaster rifle doesn't use gunpowder but instead emits spirit energy. Unlike weapons like Pumpkin, they really only pack enough heat to aid in an escape.

AH!
THERE'S SOME KIND OF SYMBOL ON THE GROUND!
WOOOOO (FWOOOOSH)
HM
JUDGING BY THE SIZE OF HIS INVOCATION, HE CAN TRANSPORT MULTIPLE PEOPLE AT ONCE.
BUT IT USES UP A GREAT DEAL OF HIS ENERGY.
DO YOU MEAN WE CAN ONLY TRAVEL BETWEEN PLACES THAT HAVE BEEN MARKED LIKE THIS?
I KNEW THERE WAS SOME KIND OF SECRET IN THE SPOT WE WERE TRANSPORTED TO

SO IF WE KEEP WATCH HERE...
SO HE CAN'T DO IT ONE AFTER THE OTHER.
THERE'S A LIMIT TO IT.
...THE GATE MAY OPEN AGAIN AT SOME POINT.
THAT'S PROBABLY HOW HE GOT THOSE DANGER BEASTS ON THIS ISLAND IN THE FIRST PLACE.
THAT'S JUST ONE WAY TO GET BACK.

YEAH?
SO.
BEFORE WE TRY FOR THE SECOND, MORE CONCRETE WAY...
むぎゅ
MUGYU
SMOOSH
LET'S TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR PRIVACY...
...AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER!
HUUUUH!?

Chapter 27 KILL THE STRONG ONE

WAIT!
T-TIME OUT...
YOU WANT ME TO STOP?
TSUUUU (STROKE)
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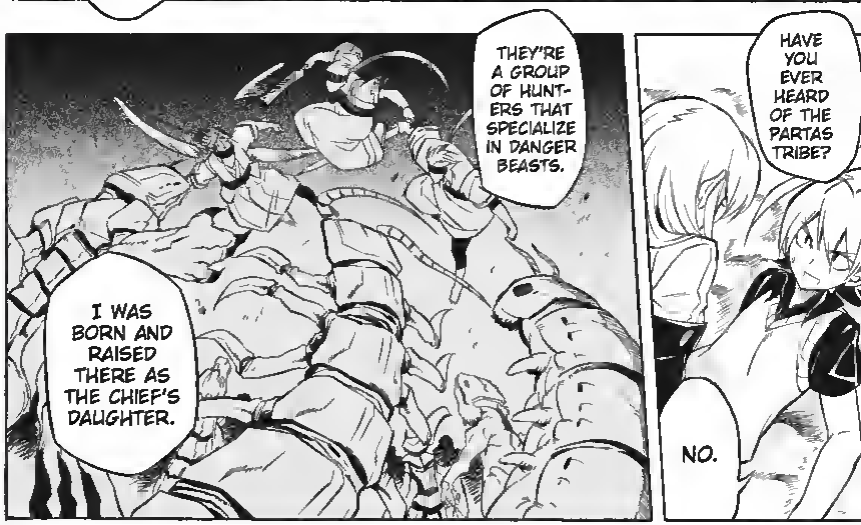
THEN TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF.
FIRST, WHERE DID YOU LEARN THE BASICS TO SWORD FIGHTING?

THERE WAS A MAN WHO HAD RETIRED FROM MILITARY DUTY IN MY VILLAGE ...
HE WAS SOMETHING OF A MARTIAL ARTS INSTRUC-TOR.
HE WAS GOOD AT TEACHING ...
AND ...

EEEEE!
I FIGURED I SHOULD HAVE MORE THAN ONE SKILL IF I WAS GOING TO MAKE IT IN THE CAPITAL.
I SEE...
IS THAT ALSO HOW YOU LEARNED BLACK-SMITHING?
MISS... ESDEATH ...
YOU CAN DO ANYTHING TOO.
AND YOU REALLY INTERNALIZED IT. YOU'RE QUITE A VERSATILE MAN.
THIS IS MY CHANCE TO GET INFORMA-TION OUT OF HER!
.....!
WELL, I'M NOT VERY WELL VERSED IN THE ARTS...
AT FIRST I HAD NO IDEA...
...WHAT WAS SO GOOD ABOUT NYAU'S FLUTE PLAYING.
...SHE GENUINELY...
...CARES ABOUT MY OPINION.
...AND...

I'D PREFER TO HAVE HER AS AN ALLY RATHER THAN AN ENEMY.
THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING IN OUR CONVERSATIONS THAT I CAN USE TO PERSUADE HER TO JOIN OUR SIDE.
I COME FROM A REMOTE REGION TO THE NORTH.
THAT'S RIGHT.
AAA-AA (SSSSHHH)
YOU'RE NOT ORIGINALLY FROM THE CAPITAL, ARE YOU?


I WAS BORN AND RAISED THERE AS THE CHIEF'S DAUGHTER.
THEY'RE A GROUP OF HUNTERS THAT SPECIALIZE IN DANGER BEASTS.
NO.
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THE PARTAS TRIBE?

YOU TOLD ME ABOUT YOURSELF...
...SO I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT ME!
ヒュオオオオオオ打
HYUOOOOOO (WHOOOO)
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO (THUD)
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO

CHAKI
(SCHAKI)
(!)
DOSHU
(SLASH)
!!
ZURU
ZURU
ZURU
ZURU
ZURU
ZURU
ZURU
(ZURU G)

FA-
THER!
ZUURU
ZUURU
I GOT
ONE!
ZAWA
ZAWA
OH.
WELL
DONE!
THAT'S
IMPRESS-
IVE FOR
SOMEONE
YOUR
AGE!
ZU
OOH!
BUT I'M
EVEN
STRON-
GER!!
I
BROUGHT
HOME A
GIANT
LIZARD!!

I'M GOING TO TAKE HIM APART FOR RAW MATERIALS NOW.
HELP ME OUT.
OKAY!
HE'S BEEN WEAKENED SO I ONLY TIED HIM UP. HE CAN'T MOVE VERY EASILY NOW.
WE'VE GOT TO BE VERY QUICK AND FEARLESS ABOUT THIS!
WE HAVE TO REMOVE THIS LIZARD'S GEM WHILE IT'S STILL ALIVE
OR ELSE IT WON'T SELL FOR AS MUCH
HE'S SCREAMING SO LOUD.
GYAAAA
WELL, THAT'S BECAUSE IT HURTS. BUT WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.
ZURU (SLICE)
DO (STAB)
RRAAA

NORMALLY HE'D ATTACK AND KILL A MAN.
BUT THIS TIME I WAS STRONGER, SO HE WAS THE ONE TO BE KILLED.
IT'S WHAT HE GETS FOR BEING WEAKER THAN ME.
NOW, ESDEATH YOU REMOVE HIS EYES AND COMB.
MM-HM.
SU (SWP)
I'LL DO IT REALLY CLEANLY
.....
ESDEATH ISN'T JUST STRONG.
SHE KNOWS HOW TO FINISH OFF HER PREY EVEN WHEN IT RUNS FROM HER AND IS WEAKER...
SHE'S A NATURAL BORN HUNTER.
BUT IN EXCHANGE SHE MAY BE LACKING SOME-THING...
OH WELL. AS LONG AS SHE'S ALIVE, IT'S NOT A PROBLEM.

THAT WAS THE WONDERFUL ENVIRON-MENT I WAS RAISED IN.
...OR BE EAT-EN.
IT WAS EAT...
BOTH THE DANGER BEASTS AND US...
...ENJOYED THE LIFE OR-DEATH FIGHTS WE THREW OURSELVES INTO
THOUGH IT SEEMS WE ALREADY HAVE A VICTOR
OH, THE INSECTS ARE BAT-TLING.
UH-HUH.
LOOK.

...AND IS BEING LYNCHED BY THE SOLDIERS OF THE OTHER TEAM.
THE QUEEN'S BEEN DRAGGED OUT...
YOUR MOTHER WAS CONSUMED BY HIGH-LEVEL DANGER BEASTS LIKE THIS.
EXACT-LY.
IT'S THE DEMISE OF A WEAKLING.
SHE WAS WEAK, AND SO SHE WAS HUNTED.
BUT THAT TOO... COULDN'T BE HELPED.
EVEN IF IT WAS SAD.
THE STRONG WIN.
THAT'S ALL...

ZA
CZSHD
ZA
ALL THOSE DAYS IN THE MOUN-TAINS PAID OFF.
I CAUGHT A RARE EVIL BIRD.
FATHER WILL BE MOST PLEASED ...
ZA
ZA

AND THE WEAK DIE.

GOOOOO
(DOOOOM)
WH...
WHAT IS THIS ...?

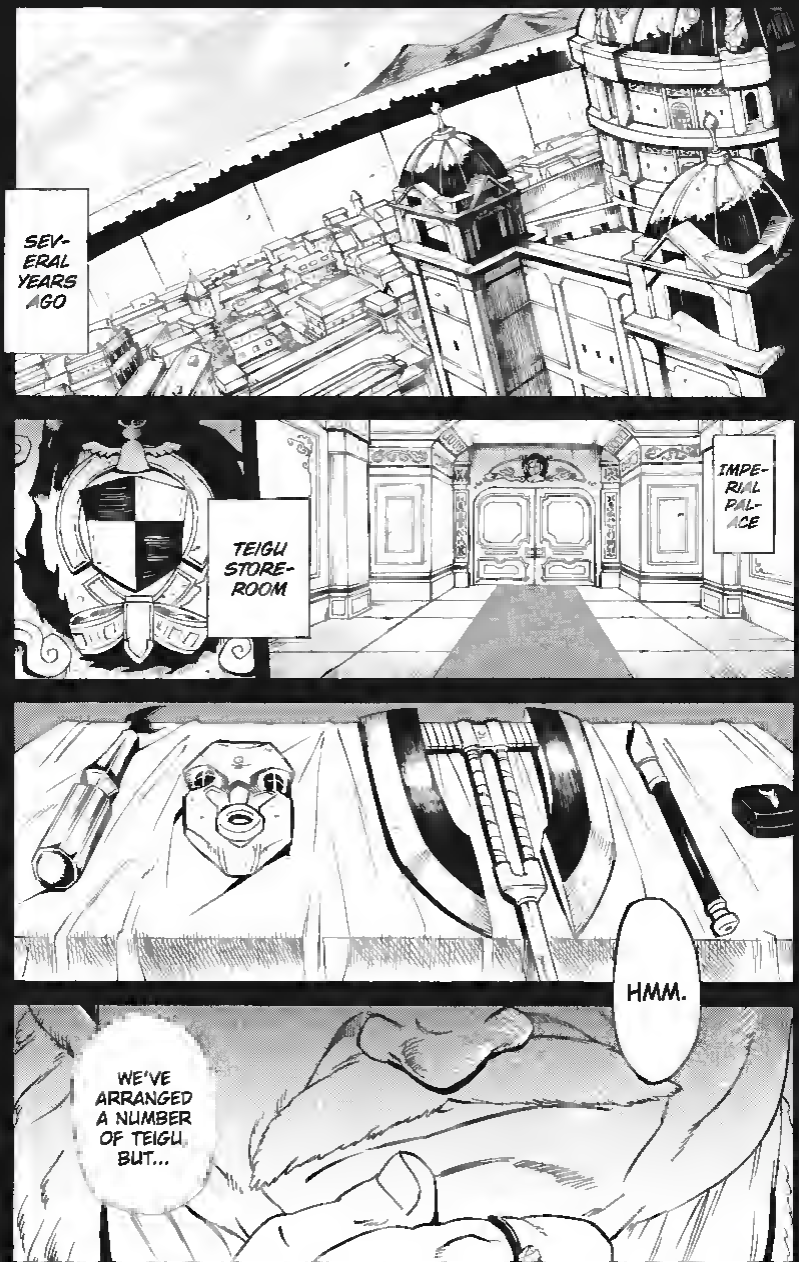
DA CO, SHO
ARE YOU OKAY!?
GNH...
ZU OSHO
THE CHIEF STOOD AT THE FRONT AND TOOK DOWN AS MANY AS HE COULD REACH...
...BUT IN THE END, THEY PREVAILED.
A TRIBE FROM UP NORTH BROKE THROUGH THE BOUND-ARY...
...AND ATTACKED
WHA...?
FA-THER!
ES... DEATH...

SERVES ME RIGHT...
WE LOST BECAUSE WE WERE WEAK...
THAT'S HOW IT IS.
LIVE AND GROW STRONGER...
ES-DEATH...
THOUGH I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT YOU...

I KEPT HUNTING DANGER BEASTS AFTER THAT.
AND WHEN I'D RUN OUT OF PREY...
...I CAME TO WORK FOR THE EMPIRE.
SO...
...THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.
SO THE TRIBES TO THE NORTH MUST BE YOUR ENEMY...
NO WONDER YOU HATE THEM...
ALL I DID WAS SHIFT THE FOCUS OF MY HUNT FROM DANGER BEASTS TO HUMANS.
AND THAT IS THE STORY OF MY LIFE.
?
SURE, THEY'RE MY ENEMY, BUT I DON'T NECESSARILY HATE THEM.

WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE MY ENEMY, I DID WHAT I HAD TO.
BY ORDER OF THE EMPIRE.
BUT YOU EXECUTED HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF THEM BY BURYING THEM ALIVE...
THAT WAS JUST A WAY TO CUT COSTS AND MAKE AN EXAMPLE OUT OF THEM.
I REGRET WHAT HAPPENED TO MY FATHER.
...!!
BUT THAT WAS MERELY BECAUSE OF HIS OWN WEAKNESS...
IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANTED TO HEAR?
I'LL TELL YOU ANYTHING YOU WANT.
TH... THEN...

COULD I SEE...
...WHAT KIND OF TEIGU YOU HAVE?
MY TEIGU IS RIGHT...
SU (GRIP)
HEH ...
...HERE.
HUH?


SEV-
ERAL
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TEIGU
STORE-
ROOM
HMM.
WE'VE
ARRANGED
A NUMBER
OF TEIGU
BUT...

JUST... NOTHING SEEMS TO FIT...
...IT SEEMS NONE ARE COMPATIBLE WITH YOU.
I'VE BEEN WONDERING FOR A WHILE NOW...
...IS THAT CHALICE THERE A TEIGU TOO?
I DO LIKE THE TOUGH, OFFENSIVE KINDS LIKE THIS AX THOUGH.
THAT ...
...IS THE TEIGU DEMON'S ESSENCE.
IT'S THE LIVING BLOOD OF A HIGH-CLASS DANGER BEAST SAID TO RESIDE IN THE FARTHEST REACHES OF THE NORTH.

SO IT'S A BLOOD TEIGU.
IF YOU DRINK IT AND IT CONFORMS TO YOUR BODY...
...YOU, LIKE THE DANGER BEAST IT CAME FROM,
...WILL ACQUIRE THE POWER TO MANIPULATE ICE...
THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS, ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DRUNK IT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY IT.
THEY LOST THEIR MINDS.
IT'S NOTHING TO MESS WITH.
THAT SOUNDS INTERESTING TO ME.
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT IT WILL FIT EVEN A SADISTIC GENERAL LIKE YOURSELF.
SLI... (STEP)
WAIT ...!
YOU'RE NOT ACTUALLY GOING TO DRINK IT, ARE YOU!?
THIS BLOOD IS CALLING TO ME...
I DON'T EVEN CARE IF IT DOESN'T TAKE.
...I SEE.
THAT'S PROBABLY A SIGN THAT IT IS COMPATIBLE, THEN.

I KNOW.
FOR SOME REASON, I'M CERTAIN...
JARA (RATTLE)
...THAT IT WILL FIT ME.
MY INSTINCTS WERE HONED IN THE WILD.
IF I'M WRONG, THEN SO BE IT.
...ONE CUPFUL OUGHT TO DO IT.
ZU
IF I'M DOING THIS, I'M DOWNING THE WHOLE THING.
I'M SURE IT'LL MAKE ME STRONGER.
...AT LEAST YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT LOSING YOUR MIND, SINCE YOU'VE CLEARLY ALREADY LOST IT.

PHEW!
THAT WAS PRETTY TAST...
...Y...
GAKO (CLANG)
DOKUN (THUD)

ERASE
KILL
ERADICATE
TEAR
PLUNDER
RAPE
DESTROY
CRUSH
DESTROY
ANNIHILATE

KUH KUH KUH!
SUCH URGE TO DE-STROY.
(WOOOO)
KUH!
NOW I SEE...
SO THIS IS WHAT DROVE ALL THE OTHERS MAD...
I ALWAYS MAKE OTHERS SUBMIT TO ME...
BUT !!
GU (CLENCH)
IT'S NOT ENOUGH... TO AFFECT ME!
AKII (SHAKE)
...NO MATTER WHO OR WHAT THEY ARE.

...OF MY OWN VOLI-TION.
ZU
AND I DO IT...
ZU (CREEP)
DO (BADUM)
GOSO (RUMMAGE)
IT SEEMS IT'S CON-FORMED TO YOU COM-PLETELY.
MY BODY IS BURST-ING WITH POWER.
I FEEL QUITE GOOD, MINIS-TER...
TOKU
TOKU (GLUE)
TOKU
KYU (SQUIN)
OOH ...!

A TOAST TO THE BIRTH OF THE STRONGEST WARRIOR...
CHEERS ...!!
SO YOU MEAN, RIGHT NOW...
...YOU HAVE DANGER BEAST BLOOD INSIDE YOU?
THAT'S RIGHT.
BUT I'VE TAMED IT, SO YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
IS THAT WHY YOU ENJOY TORTURING OTHERS?
NO.
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN INTO THAT.
(·)
.....!
ZAAAAA (SSSSHHH)

I'D MUCH RATHER SHE WERE ONE OF THOSE THINGS...
A WARRIOR WHOSE DANGER BEAST BLOOD MAKES HER GO BERSERK...
SOMEONE AVENGING HER FALLEN COMRADES.
BUT SHE'S LIKE THIS FROM HER VERY CORE.
THERE'S NO CHANGING HER SAVAGE NATURE.....!
THINKING I COULD TURN HER OVER TO OUR SIDE...
I WAS SO NAIVE...

GOSO (RUSTLE)
POINT B RELEASE.
SHAM-BALA.
CHIKA (CLICK)
NOZO (RUSTLE)
ALL RIGHT.
BETTER START HEADING BACK.
GOSO (RUSTLE)
THAT OUGHT TO DO IT.
HAAH ...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE?
HUH?
NONE OF YOUR BUSI-NESS.

...YOU DON'T HAVE THE BEST CHOICE OF WORDS, BUT...
...THERE'S SOMETHING OF AN AIR ABOUT YOU THAT SHOWS CLASS.
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN...
I'M THE MINISTER'S SON, AFTER ALL.
UH...
MINIS-TER...?
YOU MEAN *THAT* MINIS-TER?
ZA (ZSH)
ZA
ZA
DOSU (WHAM)
BA!! (YANK)

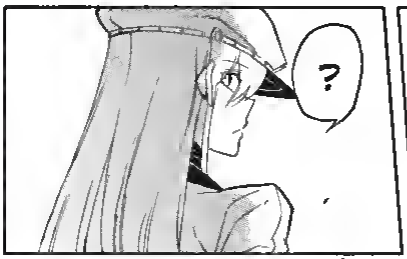
WHAT'S "THAT" SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
"THAT" ...
WELL ...?
GUH-FUH!
GABA (SLUMP)
I RESPECT HIM A LOT, OKAY?
THOUGH ...
...I'LL OVERTAKE HIM ONE OF THESE DAYS.
GATA (SHAKE)
GATA
GATA
I THINK SURPASSING ONE'S PARENT...
GA (GRAB)
...IS THE ULTIMATE FORM OF FILIAL PIETY.

WHAT'S THE SECOND WAY TO GET BACK?
COME ON.
TAMING AND TRAINING THEM IS INSANELY DIFFICULT, BUT IT SHOULD BE A BREEZE FOR ME.
THERE ARE SOME DANGER BEASTS YOU CAN RIDE ON TO GET AROUND.
I GUESS I'LL TELL YOU NOW.
IT'S HITCHING A RIDE.
I'VE READ THAT AIR MANTAS AND OCEAN DRAGONS LIVE IN HABITATS LIKE THIS.
IF WE KEEP AN EYE ON THE SKIES, WE'LL PROBABLY SEE ONE FLYING BY.
!
...LIKE THAT ONE RIGHT THERE ...
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL!
...WHAT BAD TIMING.

WH-WH...
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? IT'S WAY UP THERE!
I'LL SHOOT IT DOWN WITH AN ICE ARROW...
...AND THEN BREAK IT IN!!
I'M NOT LET-TING IT GET AWAY!!
DA DASH!
WAH!
ROO GLASH!
BOH GROW!
THIS... IS MY WAY OUT!
SUCCC

...I OWE HER SO MUCH...
...BUT...
IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO TO PAY HER BACK!
MISS ES-DEATH!
!

SOME KIND OF AN EXIT AP-PEARED!
I'LL TRY GOING INTO IT FIRST!
WAIT!
TA-TSU-MI!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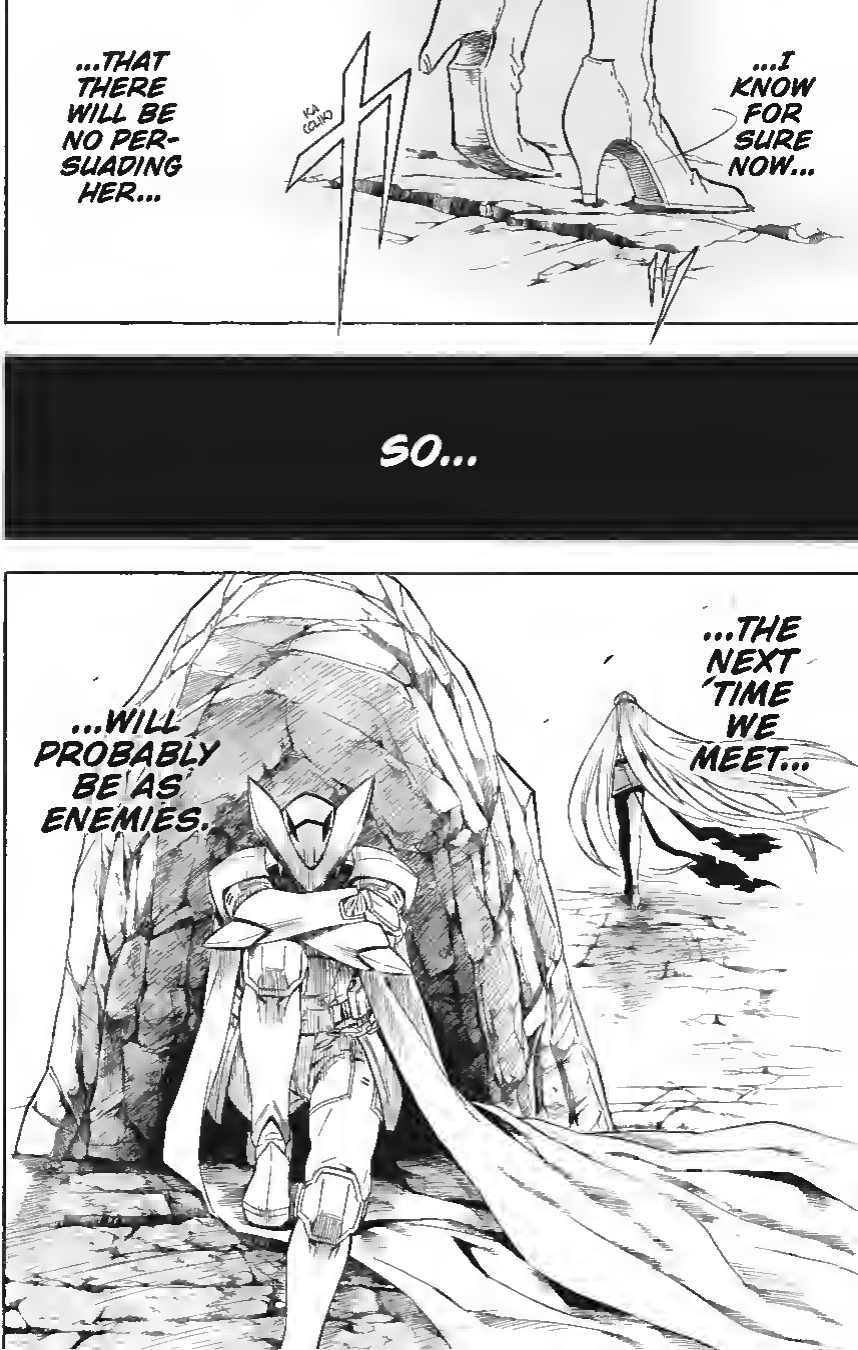
BUT WHERE ...
...IS TATSUMI?

THIS IS...
...THAT MOUNTAIN PEAK I WAS ON YESTERDAY...
I GUESS I MADE IT BACK.

IT WAS ONLY A FEW SEC-ONDS!
キョロ
KYORO
COULD HE HAVE RUN AWAY ALREADY ...!?
IM-POSSI-BLE!
I'LL MAKE MYSELF A PART OF THE ROCKS HERE AND LET HER GO PAST!
I WON'T GIVE OFF ANY AGGRES-SIVE VIBES EITHER.
SO I'D BETTER NOT MOVE AT ALL.
INCURSIO CAN MAKE ME INVISIBLE, BUT IT CAN'T ERASE MY AURA.
COULD IT BE...
...HE WAS TRANS-PORTED TO SOME-WHERE ELSE?
...HE'S GONE ...
IN ANY CASE...

ONCE AGAIN...
...WE'VE BEEN... SEPA-RATED...

IT'S TRUE ...
I FEEL THE SAME WAY.
BUT...
BUT...
...WHAT HAPPENS TWICE WILL HAPPEN THRICE.
WE'LL BE SEEING EACH OTHER AGAIN...


...THAT THERE WILL BE NO PERSUADING HER...
KA CLANG
...I KNOW FOR SURE NOW...
SO...
...WILL PROBABLY BE AS ENEMIES.
...THE NEXT TIME WE MEET...

CAT-TLE!
CAT-TLE.
CHAPTER 28
KILL THE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION
...CAT-TLE.
I NEVER TIRE OF SEEING THOSE RAGGED FACES...
IT CAN HARDLY BE CALLED EXPLOITA-TION WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH PIGS.
FINANCE OFFICIAL GEBAZE
THE ALCOHOL BOUGHT WITH THE CITIZENS' TAXES IS PARTICULARLY DELECT-ABLE.
I THINK I'LL DRAIN EVEN MORE FROM THEM STARTING NEXT MONTH.
MAS-TER.
IT'S TIME FOR YOUR MASSAGE.
OOH!!

SU (SWF)
BOSU (STAB)
MAKE TODAY'S THE RE-FRESHING FULL-BODY-FONDLE COURSE!
TO (TMP)
TO
GAKU (GLUMP)
MISSION ACCOM-PLISHED.
THOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF "COURSE" YOU'D CALL THAT...
BOSHU (BOOMF)

SA (WHIP)
SOUNDS COMING FROM THE FIRST FLOOR!?
!?
"KLATCH"
THIS IS THE JAEGERS!
BAKA (CLACK)
WE'RE HERE TO RESPOND TO THIS URGENT MATTER!
WE RECEIVED WORD THAT NIGHT RAID WOULD BE TARGETING THIS HOME!
.....
WE WERE TOO LATE...
WAVE.
!

WHAT I'M SAYING IS, IT WAS A TRAP.
THAT WAS TOO CLOSE!
YOU'RE ONE TOUGH BUGGER IF YOU WERE ABLE TO GET OUT OF THAT UNHURT.
WELL, HE HAD TWO OR THREE HOUSE CATS.
I TRANS-FORMED INTO ONE OF THEM TO BLEND IN AND GET OUT.
...I DON'T THINK I'D HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MANAGE IN THAT SITUA-TION.
I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT THAT TEIGU'S PRETTY HANDY.
IT WOULD'VE BEEN TOUGH FOR YOU BECAUSE EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE
YOU SHOULD LEAVE THESE KINDS OF JOBS TO ME.
—!!

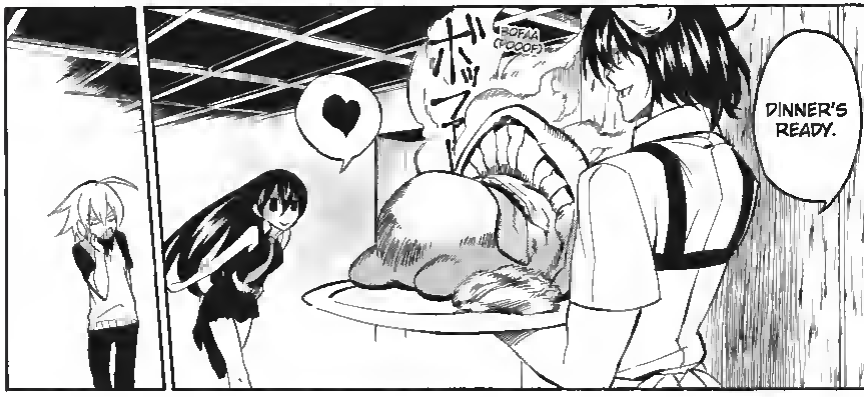
SO YOU STAY HERE AND KEEP AN EYE ON THE HIDEOUT.
BENCH-WARMER.
CHEL-SEA.
AH HA HA HA!
HA HA
YOU'VE SAID THINGS LIKE THAT TO ME BEFORE THOUGH.
AH-HA-HA-HA!
GRR!
I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY WITH THAT!!
DON'T INSULT YOUR TEAM-MATE!!
MUKA CRAWRO
*SEE VOLUME 1, CHAPTER 3
THEY ALREADY WIPED OUT ALL THE NEW DANGER BEASTS.
AND NIGHT RAID'S THE ONLY IMPORTANT TARGET THEY HAVE LEFT.
THINGS CAN'T KEEP GOING LIKE THIS.
JUST AS WITH THIS LATEST JOB...
...THE JAEGERS ARE CLAMP-ING DOWN ON THEIR HUNT FOR US.

BFFFT!
...MAYBE THEY'D LEAVE THE REST OF US ALONE.
IF WE HANDED OVER TATSUMI HERE, WHO ENJOYED A NICE LITTLE VACATION IN THE TROPICS...
GURU (STIR)
GURU
YOU SHOULD'VE LEFT HER BEHIND.
BUT GIVEN WHO YOU WERE WITH, I'M NOT JEALOUS, OKAY?
Boss
GETTING STRANDED ON AN ISLAND WITH A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN...
I TOLD YOU, I GOT DRAGGED INTO THAT AGAINST MY WILL!!
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M JEALOUS OF YOU.
GET A LOAD OF MY TITTIES!
OOF!
I MEAN IT.
WIPE YOUR TEARS, LUBBO.

WE NEED TO BE READY TO FIGHT WITH ALL OUR STRENGTH NEXT TIME WE RUN INTO EACH OTHER AS ENEMIES.
EVEN IF LEFT ON HER OWN, SHE WOULD HAVE GOTTEN BACK THROUGH HER OWN EFFORTS.
SO LET'S CALL IT SQUARE.
GACHA! GKLATCH!
SHE ALWAYS WAS A STUBBORN ONE, EVEN WAY BACK IN THE DAY.
ESDEATH IS A LITTLE YOUNGER THAN ME.
I'M IN MY MID-TWENTIES.
THAT REMINDS ME, BOSS, HOW OLD ARE YOU?
"WAY BACK IN THE DAY"...?
I NEVER WOULD HAVE GUESSED!!
YOU'RE SERIOUSLY THAT YOUNG!?

WE'RE HOLDING AN IMPORTANT MEETING AFTER YOU ARE DONE EATING!
TSUN (POKE)
つんつん
TSUN
SO NOBODY DRINK TOO MUCH!

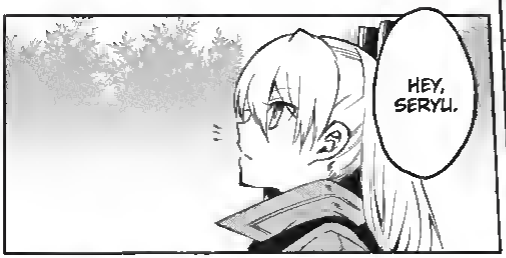
GACHA (KLATCH)
IT'S RUDE TO COMMENT ON A WOMAN'S AGE, TATSUMI.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO COMMENTED ON LEONE'S WEIGHT BEFORE.
NN? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?


POFAA (POOF)
DINNER'S READY.

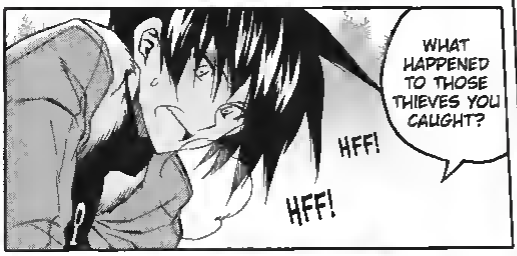
JUST OUT-SIDE THE CAPI-TAL
SO YOU ADMIT TO STEALING?
W-WE'RE NOT WITH NIGHT RAID!!
ZUU GOON
ONCE YOU'VE BEEN STAINED WITH EVIL...
...THERE IS ONLY DEATH FOR YOU.
WE ONLY STOLE BECAUSE WE'RE HUNGRY!
WE HAVEN'T KILLED ANYBODY!

CORO.
GABU (CHOMP)
PREY!
P...
PLEASE WAIT!
THEY FORCED ME TO HELP THEM OUT BY THREATENING ME.
IF YOU JUST LOOK INTO IT, YOU'LL SEE!
PLEASE GIVE ME A PROPER TRIAL!
BUT YOU HELPED THEM.
A CRIME IS A CRIME.

I WILL PASS MY JUDGMENT ON THE WICKED RIGHT HERE!
BAPU (CHOMP)
I'M NOT ABOUT TO BOTHER MY CAPTAIN AND THE HIGHER-UPS OVER THIS.
ZU
ZU
ZU (SEETHE)
JUST EXECU-TION.


HEY, SERYU.

TA (TAP)
TA
TA


WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE THIEVES YOU CAUGHT?
HFF!
HFF!

THEY ARE NO LONGER.
LET'S KEEP GOING. NEXT!

DOTA (FLIP)

GA (GRAB)
YOU KILLED THEM ALL YOURSELF, DIDN'T YOU?
...WAIT.
I KNOW THE JAEGERS HAVE A SPECIAL PRIVILEGE, BUT...
...I DON'T THINK IT MEANS WE HAVE CARTE BLANCHE—
GA (GRAB)
THEY WEREN'T WITH NIGHT RAID, BUT...
LET'S KEEP GOING AT THIS PACE TO WIPE OUT ALL EVIL.
...THEY WERE EVIL-DOERS, SO IT WASN'T A TOTAL WASTE.

SERYU.
.....
ZURU (DRAG)
ZURU
IT'S TWISTED AND WARPED...
...THE SITUATION IN THE CAPITAL IS PRETTY MESSED UP.
I'VE ALWAYS HAD THE SNEAKING SUSPICION, BUT...
I HAVE TO REPAY THE MAN I OWE SO MUCH TO.
GU (GRIP)
...BUT...
I'LL JUST PERFORM MY SOLDIERLY DUTIES AND NOTHING MORE.
ZA (CRSH)

THIS LATEST CASE...
...INVOLVES A RELIGION CALLED "THE WAY OF PEACE." THEY HAVE BELIEVERS FAR AND WIDE.
OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS, THE WAY OF PEACE HAS BEEN GROWING IN FOLLOWERS
IT'S BECOME A LARGE FORCE ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE CAPITAL.
BEFORE LONG, THE WAY OF PEACE WILL LEAD AN ARMED UPRISING...
IN OTHER WORDS, A RELIGIOUS REVOLT...
WE PLAN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS.
THE ONE THAT PREACHES HOW GOOD DEEDS WILL BRING HAPPINESS AND LONG LIFE?
OH.
IT HAD SPREAD TO MY VILLAGE TOO!
WHEN WE LEFT FOR OUR TRIP, THE CHIEF GAVE US A FIGURINE THAT WAS FROM THAT RELIGION.

H... HOLD ON A SEC-OND.
IF SUCH A HUGE REVOLT HAPPENED, DO YOU REALIZE HOW MANY PEOPLE WOULD LOSE THEIR LIVES!?
!
THE EMPIRE'S CORRUPT GOVERN-MENT HAS MISTREATED THE PEOPLE TOO MUCH...
EVEN IF WE TRIED TO SUPPRESS A REVOLT BY THE WAY OF PEACE, THE PEOPLE'S ANGER WOULD INEVITABLY ERUPT SOME-WHERE.
PORI (SCRATCH)
SHOULDN'T WE BE TRYING TO KEEP A REVOLT FROM HAP-PENING IN THE FIRST PLACE!?
THIS NATION HAS ALREADY REACHED...
...ITS BOILING POINT.
GUSHA (CRUNCH)

.....
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS.
GRIT
...SACRI-FICES...!!
WE CAN'T AVOID...
JUST LET HER FINISH HER STORY.
YOU REMEMBER WHEN THAT TRIBE RE-VOLTED?
AND THE HERO OF THE NORTH BUSINESS, RIGHT?
WEREN'T BOTH THOSE REVOLTS PUT DOWN BY ESDEATH?
I BELIEVE THEY ONLY FAILED BECAUSE THEY DEFIED THE EMPIRE ON THEIR OWN
THE EMPIRE'S STILL IMMENSELY STRONG.
AFTER A TIME, EVEN THE WAY OF PEACE'S REVOLT WILL BE CRUSHED...
...AND A LOT OF BLOOD WILL BE SHED.

...WE'LL ATTACK ALONG WITH THE ALLIED TRIBE TO THE WEST.
THE MOMENT THE WAY OF PEACE'S ARMED UPRISING BEGINS...
THAT'S WHERE THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY COMES IN.
BAN-GRAAO
HMPH!
EVEN THEN, HOWEVER, THEY'LL STILL PROBABLY BE ABLE TO HOLD OUT.
THAT WILL PUT THE EMPIRE IN THE POSITION OF HAVING TO CONTEND WITH ADVERSARIES ON THE INSIDE AND THE OUTSIDE
THEY'LL MARCH TO THE CAPITAL...
...AND OVERTHROW THE EMPIRE.
SO TO DEAL THEM A FINISHING BLOW, THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY WILL START AN UPRISING TO THE SOUTH.
SO IT'LL BE A THREE-WAY MANEUVER...
I SEE...

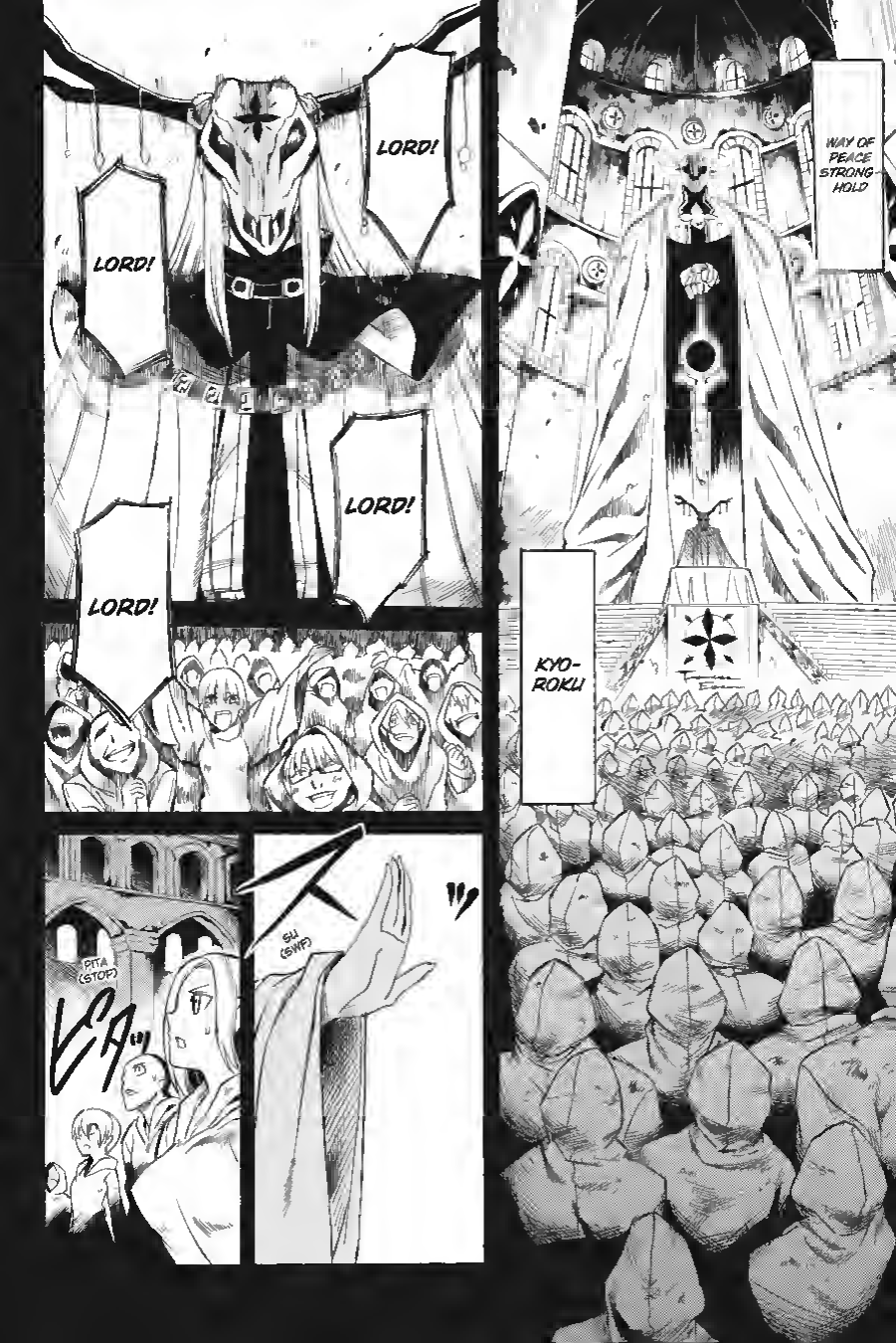
THE EMPIRE UNDERESTIMATES THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY.
BECAUSE THE REBELLION IS CONCENTRATED ALL IN ONE PLACE...
...THEY ACTUALLY THINK THAT PUTS THEM AT AN ADVANTAGE.
THE STRONGHOLD IS IN A REMOTE REGION OF THE EMPIRE.
GAH
HA HA HA HA!
TO REACH THE CAPITAL FROM THERE, THEY NEED TO BREAK THROUGH A NUMBER OF BARRIERS AND CASTLES.
BUT WE ALREADY HAVE SEVERAL SPIES INFILTRATING THESE CASTLES.
IN MANY CASES THE VICEROYS OF THESE CASTLES USED TO WORK IN THE CAPITAL, BEFORE BEING DEMOTED...
...SO IT WAS EASY TO SPREAD THE WORD.
THEY'LL BE IN FOR A SURPRISE..
...WHEN THE ARMY PASSES ONE CASTLE AFTER THE OTHER WITHOUT ANY BLOODSHED..
...AND MAKES SPEEDY PROGRESS TO THE CAPITAL.

...THAT'S WHEN...
BUT THAT WILL ALSO MEAN THAT THE PALACE'S DEFENSES WILL BE WEAKENED.
BUDO AND HIS IMPERIAL GUARDS WILL PROBABLY INTERCEPT THEM.
BUT THE EMPIRE STILL HAS A TRUMP CARD.
...WE'LL HAVE OUR CHANCE TO ASSASSINATE THE MINISTER.
GYU (GRIP)
WE'LL STORM THE PALACE...
...AND LAY THE MINISTER TO REST.

WE'LL CUT THE CAPITAL DOWN FROM THE INSIDE.
GOKIN (KRAK)
HE'S THE PRIME CAUSE OF ALL THIS EVIL.
WE NEED HIM DEAD.
...THAT GUY'S SO SLY HE'LL PROBABLY RUN AWAY AT THE LAST SECOND.
YEAH, BUT...
I WON'T LET HIM.
THEIR TERRITORIES?
THE TRIBES TO THE WEST ARE ON BOARD SO LONG AS THEY'RE REWARDED FOR THEIR COOPERATION WITH THE RETURN OF THEIR TERRITORIES.
...THE LAND IN THE EMPIRE'S WEST BELONGED TO THE TRIBES THERE.
GYU (SQUEEZE)
ORIGINALLY ...

IT'S THEIR LONG-CHERISHED WISH TO GET THAT LAND BACK...
OH YEAH. ONE OF MINE'S PARENTS...
...WAS FROM A WESTERN TRIBE...
ONCE THE EMPIRE COLLAPSES AND THE UNDESIRABLE LAWS ARE LIFTED, THE PEOPLE'S ANGER WILL SETTLE.
IF WE CAN JUST CARRY OUT THE DOWNFALL OF THE CAPITAL SWIFTLY, THEN WE WON'T HAVE TO SHED THAT MUCH BLOOD.
HAVE I CONVINCED YOU YET, TATSUMI?
YEAH.
SORRY I INTERRUPTED BEFORE.
IF THE PLAN'S IN PLACE, THEN ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO CARRY IT OUT...
THE ONLY THING THAT COULD STAND IN THE WAY...
...IS IF THIS LATEST JOB FALLS THROUGH.

NOTHING LESS FROM MY TEIGU!
EXACTLY, SUSA-NOO!
MUKI (SNARL)
BUT RIGHT NOW...
THE WAY OF PEACE HOLDS THE KEY TO EVERY-THING...
...IT SEEMS TO HAVE INTERNAL INSTABILITY.
FAR EAST OF THE CAPITAL


LORD!
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WAY OF PEACE STRONG-HOLD
KYO-ROKU
PITA (STOP)
SU (SWIP)

THIS WORLD...
...IS FILLED WITH A GREAT SADNESS.
THE PEOPLE ARE PLAGUED BY STARVATION AND POVERTY...
...BUT IT IS PRECISELY BECAUSE OF THESE CONDITIONS THAT WE MUST NOT LOSE OUR FAITH.
KEEP DOING GOOD DEEDS.
IT WILL COME BACK TO YOU.
B...
BUT, LORD!
WHAT IF WE DEVOTE OUR-SELVES TO GOOD DEEDS...
...AND STILL DIE...?
IF WE'RE DEAD, WON'T IT ALL HAVE BEEN FOR NOTHING?

YES-TER-DAY...
A YOUNG MAN JOURNEYED TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD AFTER STEPPING UP TO PROTECT HIS LITTLE BROTHER FROM THE WILD BEASTS PURSUING HIM

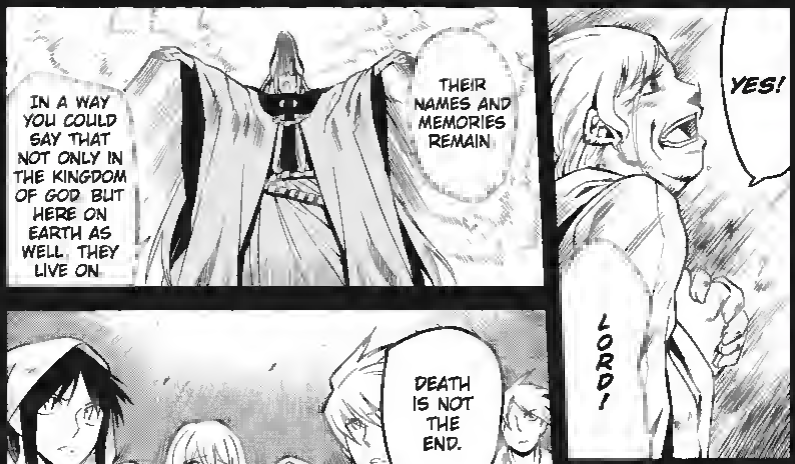
THE SOUL NEVER DIES.
HE WHO DOES GOOD WILL ENJOY ETERNAL HAPPINESS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

EVEN IF YOU LOSE YOUR LIFE...
...IT WILL MEAN NOTHING BUT THE END OF YOUR MORTAL SHELL.

HIS NAME WAS JOACHIM.
I WILL NEVER FORGET THAT HERO'S NAME IN ALL MY LIFE.
AND I'M SURE THAT IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, HE CAN PROUDLY SAY, "I AM THE MAN WHO SAVED MY LITTLE BROTHER."

LORD...
OOOH!
YOU KNOW MY BROTHER'S NAME...
LOOOOD!
HA (SHUME?)
UUUH!
...MY DEAD HUSBAND'S NAME.
THE LORD EVEN REMEMBERS...
I AM NOT WORTHY...

RACLE WAS MY 64,568 BELIEVER...
HE WAS STURDY AND TANNED.
A MOST GENEROUS FISHERMAN.


YES!
LORD!
THEIR NAMES AND MEMORIES REMAIN
IN A WAY YOU COULD SAY THAT NOT ONLY IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD BUT HERE ON EARTH AS WELL, THEY LIVE ON
DEATH IS NOT THE END.

LORD !!
LORD !!
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LORD !!
THE RELIGION'S LORD HAS AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF CHARISMA, BUT...
WAAAAAA (CHEEEHO)
...IT'S HIS ASSIS-TANT AND CONFIDANT BOLIC...
...WHO IS A SPY SENT IN BY THE MINISTER

BOLIC'S GOAL IS TO GAIN CONTROL OF THE WAY OF PEACE...
...AND TO KEEP AN ARMED UPRISING FROM HAPPENING.
HE MEANS TO KILL THE RELIGIOUS LORD BEFORE TOO LONG...
...AND STAND AT THE HEAD OF THE ORGANIZATION.
THIS IS WHAT MAKES THE MINISTER SO REPULSIVE
RATHER THAN OPPRESS IT FROM THE OUTSIDE, HE'S TRYING TO CONTROL IT FROM THE INSIDE.
CAN'T WE SEND WORD IN TO GET HIM KICKED OUT?
BOLIC'S FOLLOWERS POSSESS GREAT AUTHORITY.
BESIDES, THE EMPIRE HAS A BACKUP.
THAT'S WHERE WE COME IN.
KYU (SQUEAK)
WE'RE GOING TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE WAY OF PEACE...
...AND WE'RE GOING TO TAKE DOWN BOLIC.

WE CANNOT LET THIS GO ON.
OUR SPIES HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THE MORE DEVOUT FOLLOWERS HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO PUPPETS.
HE'S BEEN LACING THE MEALS OF SOME OF THE FOLLOWERS WITH DRUGS A LITTLE AT A TIME TO MAKE THEM ADDICTS.
IT'S AN INSULT TO FOOD TO SNEAK DRUGS INTO IT.
GIRL GRIN?
I BET THEY'RE JUST FOOLING AROUND WITH ONE GIRL AFTER ANOTHER.
I WON'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT!
ABSO-LUTELY UNAC-CEPT-ABLE!
USAGI
YOUR ANGER'S A LITTLE OFF TARGET.
... GUYS.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST ...
...IS ABOUT THE JAEGERS ...
WE HAVE TO PUT A STOP TO THAT.
IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING, ALL THE BELIEVERS WILL BECOME DRUG ADDICTS...
SOONER OR LATER WE'LL SLIP UP, AND THEY'LL CAPTURE US.
RIGHT NOW THEY'RE DOING ALL THEY CAN TO HUNT US DOWN.
SO NEXT TIME...
EARLIER, WHEN THEY SURPRISED ME, I WOULD'VE BEEN IN TROUBLE IF I HADN'T HAD THOSE SPECIAL POWERS
...WE'LL LURE THEM OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL...
...AND WAGE OUR BATTLE AGAINST THEM.

I'VE GOTTEN A REQUEST FROM HEAD-QUARTERS...
...TO GET RID OF KUROME AND BOLS IN PARTICULAR IF WE HAVE THE CHANCE.

WE'LL FINALLY HAVE AN ALL-OUT SHOW-DOWN!

KUROME'S AN ASSASSIN, SO IT'S NO SURPRISE THEY'D ASK US TO TARGET HER...

IT'S BECAUSE HE AND HIS UNIT BURNED DOWN ONE OF THE VILLAGES SUPPORTING THE REVO-LUTIONARY ARMY...
NOT TO MEN-TION...
...HIS FIRE-POWER ALONE IS A GREAT ENOUGH THREAT.

...BUT HIM TOO?

...BUT THEY'RE THE MINISTER'S PRIVATE ARMY.
NOT ONLY IS ESDEATH LEADING THE JAEGERS...
YOU CAN FIGHT THEM EVEN IF YOU KNOW THEM PERSONALLY, RIGHT?
TATSUMI?
BUT THAT'S FOOLISH OF ME TO THINK.
...SO I HAVE NO REASON TO FIGHT HIM...
HE WASN'T ONE OF THE TARGETS..!
...WAVE WAS A NICE GUY.

HE'S NOT AN OPPONENT I CAN AFFORD TO TAKE IT EASY WITH...
THEY'LL PROBABLY BE GIVING IT THEIR ALL TO PROTECT THEIR COMRADES...
WHATEVER THE CASE, I'M AN ASSASSIN...
I JOINED THIS TEAM...
...KNOWING FULL WELL WHAT WOULD BE EXPECTED OF ME!
...I'LL DO IT.

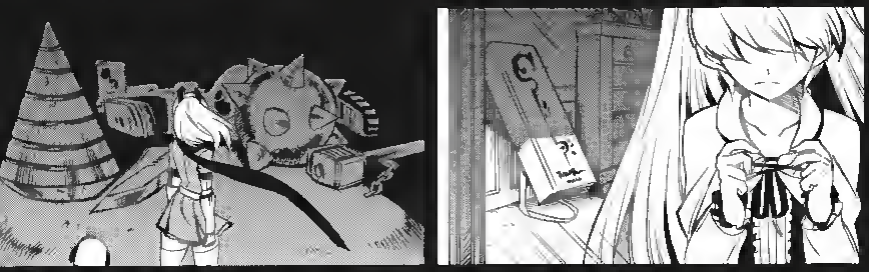
EVEN IF THEY'RE NOT THE OFFICIAL TARGETS, IF I HAVE TO FIGHT THEM, I'LL DO IT WITH EVERY-THING I'VE GOT.
AND NO HESITA-TION!
...GOOD!

NOW I KNOW THAT IN THE FACE OF HIS ENEMY...HE WON'T LET HIS OPTIMISM COST HIM HIS LIFE...
I CAN FEEL HIS RESOLVE.
...THAT'S SOME NICE DETERMI-NATION IN HIS EYES.
...WHY CAN'T I...
...TAKE MY EYES OFF TATSUMI?
HUH?
HEY, AKAME! CAN YOU CHECK HIS ZIPPER FOR US?
IT'S NOT DOWN!
DON'T GO ACTING LIKE A TOUGH GUY...
...WHEN YOUR FLY'S DOWN AGAIN!
...I JUST CAN'T LEAVE HIM ALONE.
FOR SOME REA-SON...
SEV-ERAL DAYS LATER

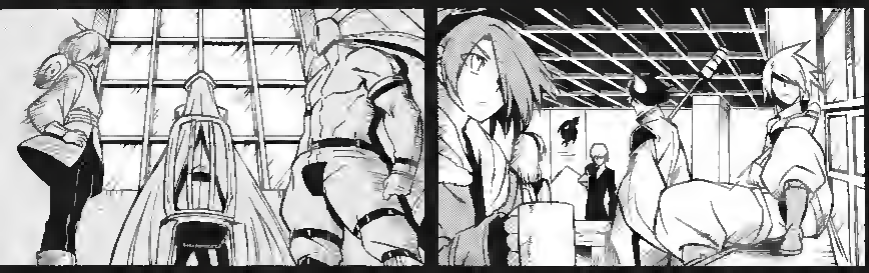
COM-
MAND-
ER.
IT APPEARS THAT TWO MEMBERS OF NIGHT RAID, AKAME AND MINE...
...HAVE BEEN SPOTTED ALONG ROMARY HIGHWAY TO THE EAST.
PATAN (SHUT)
ASSEMBLE ALL THE JAEGERS.
ZA (CRSH)

JUST AS HUMANS DIE,
SLOWLY BUT SURELY,
SO TOO DO ALL NATIONS
EVENTUALLY CRUMBLE.

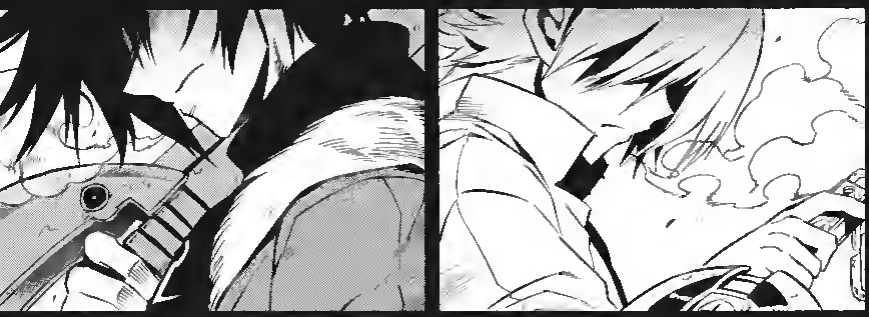
THEIR THOUGHTS, IDEOLOGIES, AND GOALS ALL DIFFER.



YET AN UNAVOIDABLE FATE WILL BRING THEM FACE-TO-FACE.



ARMED WITH WEAPONS OF GREAT POWER...



...THEY HARBOR THEIR OWN RESOLUTIONS IN THEIR HEARTS...

...AS THEY FACE THEIR DECI-SIVE BAT-TLE!!

AKAME GA KILL! 6 THE END

TAKAHIRO's POSTSCRIPT

Thank you very much for picking up Volume 6. This is Takahiro. I'm going to give you some supplementary explanations about the characters and elements from the story, so please read below after you've finished this entire volume.

◆ Seryu's Ten Kings' Judgment
The blade she used in her execution is Number 3 "Sung Dynasty Blade." As the name "Ten Kings' Judgment" suggests there are ten weapons in total.

◆ The Way of Peace
It developed as a way for the impoverished masses to find solace and will eventually incite a wide-scale religious revolt. Which is like the religious organization from *Records of the Three Kingdoms* and other such stories. I already had this arc planned out even before the serialization began, so the figurine given to Tatsumi in Chapter 1 was in fact foreshadowing this religion.

◆ Rare Evil Bird
This rare species is so strong that not even Tatsumi would be able to hunt it alone unless he was using Incursio.

◆ Air Manta
A wild air manta makes an appearance here. I like to give creatures and characters I've established more than one appearance in my manga. For example, Kalbi from Chapter 4 might be making another appearance... possibly.

◆ Esdeath (As a Child)
↑This name was so long that I took to calling her "Loli-death" for short. I think Tashiro-san has a thing for leggings. It's great.

◆ Partas Tribe
I wanted to give them a strong image, so I took their name from Sparta.

◆ The Minister's Son
This man is still shrouded in mystery, but he will come to light soon enough. When he punched that woman in the stomach, it was to show his more brutish side.

◆ New Variety of Danger Beast
Humans who were turned into Danger Beasts through Stylish's experiments. There are colossal beasts as well, which are the result of the processes that enabled Stylish to successfully make himself gigantic. Right now they are linked to the Minister's son and will also be involved in the main story.

◆ Boric
He rips people off, so he got the name Boric.
Gebaze got his name from Zeni Geba.

And that's all for now. See you in the next volume.

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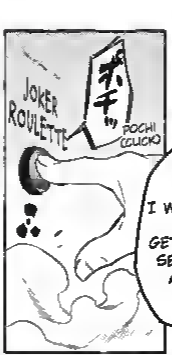
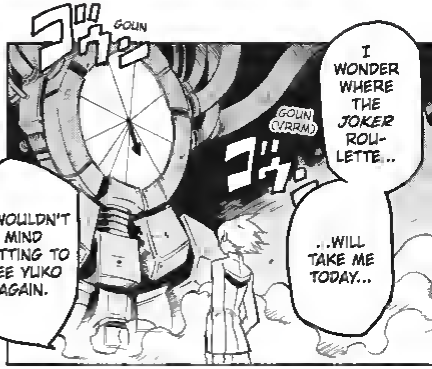
thank you!
I'M GOING TO KEEP TRYING MY BEST!





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SAYO, PLAYING THE ROLE OF SACHIKO
ME-EP!
MEANWHILE...
WAS THAT AN EVIL SPIRIT JUST NOW?
IT LOOKED MORE LIKE SOMEONE IN COSPLAY TO ME.

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